

**7AGENDA
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
October 15, 2018**

The Agricultural Service Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Meeting in the Council Chambers of the County Office, Worsley, Alberta.

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**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
August 20, 2018**

PRESENT

Brian Harcourt	Chair
MacKay Ross	Member
Baldur Ruecker	Deputy Chair
Garry Candy	Member
David Janzen	Council Representative
Julie Watchorn	Member

IN ATTENDANCE

Audrey Bjorklund	Community Development Manager
Sarah Hayward	Community Development Clerk
Greg Coon	Agricultural Fieldman

IN REGRET

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 9:57 a.m.

AGENDA

AG69(08/20/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the August 20, 2018 Agricultural Service Board meeting as presented. CARRIED.

AG70(08/20/18)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the June 18, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Activity Report.

AG71(08/20/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the August 20, 2018 Agricultural Service Board Activity Report as presented. CARRIED.

Predation Compensation Resolution

The Board is presented with a draft Resolution to enhance the province's wildlife predator compensation program by allowing farmers to provide smartphone photographic evidence with G.P.S location, date & time stamps to assist Fish & Wildlife Officers in determining if the injury or loss of livestock is due to predation, and reduce the number of site based investigations the Officers have to attend.

AG72(08/20/18)

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board submit the following resolution to the Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference:
WHEREAS Predation by carnivores and birds of prey continues to be a problem for ranchers and agricultural producers;
WHEREAS Many Municipalities have submitted multiple resolutions in this regard for these same problems:**

WHEREAS To maintain the credibility of the program, livestock losses must be confirmed by Fish and Wildlife Officers, as killed or injured by predators;

WHEREAS The protection of life and property is a priority for the provincial government, which means providing a response to reports of problem wildlife, may sometimes shift the efforts of Fish and Wildlife Officers away from the predator control mandate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST that the Ministers of Environment and Parks, Justice and Solicitor General, and all other relevant government ministries implement and enhance Predator Compensation Program that could utilize the G.P.S location and date time features and photo capabilities of smart phone technology to assist in the confirmation of livestock loss, both livestock death and livestock injury in a timely and prompt manner. **CARRIED.**

Genetically Engineered
Alfalfa

The Board is presented with the draft letter to the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agro-Food to not allow the sale of Genetically Engineered Alfalfa in Western Canada.

AG73(08/20/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council send the draft letter as corrected to the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food to not allow the sale of Genetically Engineered Alfalfa in Western Canada. CARRIED.

Design and Plant your
Edible Forest and
Garden

The Board requested administration to bring back further information on the Design and Plant your Edible Forest and Garden workshops to the August Agricultural Service Board meeting.

AG74(08/20/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the Design and Plant your Edible Forest Garden workshops to the December Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.

No-Tillage Conference

The Board tabled the No-Tillage Conference to the August Agricultural Service Board meeting.

AG75(08/20/18)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information regarding costs to have a member attend the No-Tillage Conference being held on January 8-11, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Events

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

AG76(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of Member Candy at the July 24, 2018 Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Forages, Pulses, Canola and Cocktail Crops Field day in High Prairie, Alberta. CARRIED.
AG77(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board approve that attendance of Member Candy and Member Ross at the August 2, 2018 Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Fairview Research Farm Field Day. CARRIED.
AG78(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Chair Harcourt and Member Candy at the August 7, 2018 Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Grazing School with Jim Gerrish at Spruce Lane Ranch in Bay Tree, Alberta. CARRIED.
AG79(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Deputy Chair Ruecker at the August 9, 2018 Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Cocktail Cover Crop Farm Tour, starting at the Fairview Research Farm. CARRIED.
AG80(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Deputy Chair Ruecker and Chair Harcourt at the August 13 Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Healthy Soil and Health Profits Seminar in Teepee Creek, Alberta. CARRIED.
AG81(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Chair Harcourt that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Member Candy at the August 18, 2018 Northern Sunrise County Alternative Land Use Service (ALUS) Agriculture Stewardship Tour. CARRIED.
AG82(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board approve the attendance of Deputy Chair Ruecker, Chair Harcourt, Member Ross and Councillor Janzen to attend the Municipal Wetlands Education being held on October 29, 2018 at the Grimshaw Legion. CARRIED.
AG83(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board to approve the attendance of Member Ross, Deputy Chair Ruecker and Councillor Janzen to attend the Soil Erosion Workshop on September 27-28, 2018 at the Elks Hall, Sexsmith Civic Centre in Sexsmith, Alberta. CARRIED.
2019 Pre-Budget Planning	Administration and the Board will be discussing programs and services to assist with developing the draft 2019 Agricultural Services Operating Budget.

AG84(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council include funds in the 2019 Roadside Vegetation Control section of the Operating Budget for a sprayer for the side by side, and modifications to the car hauler trailer to transport the side by side. CARRIED.
AG85(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Servicer Board recommend council approve a funding increase of \$5,000.00 to the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association. (\$7,500.00 environmental stream cost share agreement and \$17,500.00 for extension services outside this cost share agreement). CARRIED.
Alberta Goat Association Sponsorship Request	The Alberta Goat Association is seeking sponsorship for their 7 th annual Convention that will be held October 26-28, 2018 at Clarkson Hall in Evergreen Park, Grande Prairie, Alberta.
AG86(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve a bronze sponsorship funding of \$100.00 to the Alberta Goat Association for their 7 th annual Convention that will be held on October 26-28, 2018 at Clarkson Hall in Evergreen Park, Grande Prairie, Alberta. CARRIED.
<u>REPORTS</u> Agricultural Fieldman Report	At this time the Agricultural Fieldman will have an opportunity to present his report.
AG87(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Candy that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the August 20, 2018 Agricultural Fieldman's Report for information as presented. CARRIED.
Board Reports	At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to present their reports.
AG88(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the August 20, 2018 Board members' written and verbal reports for information as presented. CARRIED.
Information & Correspondence	The Board is presented with correspondence for review. 1. VSI – Letter – (63-10-40) 2. Land Stewardship Center – 2017-2018 Annual Report Card – (63-10-02) 3. Alberta Agriculture and Forestry – Letter – (63-10-02) 4. SARDA – newsletter – (63-10-02) 5. Farm Safety Centre – 2017-2018 Safety Smarts Report – (63-10-02)

AG89(08/20/18)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board receives the Information and Correspondence as presented. **CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

CHAIR

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	ACTIVITY REPORT
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Activity Report.

BACKGROUND:

The Activity report is helpful to administration and the board for tracking the status of resolutions and directions from the board. Items will stay on the report until they are completed. Items that are shaded indicate that they are completed and will be removed from the list once presented at the current Agricultural Service Board meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Agricultural Service Board Activity Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board (ASB) accepts the October 15, 2018 ASB Activity Report as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>Obj</i> AgFieldman:
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Budget Items:
 CAO = Chief Administrative Officer
 DO= Development Officer
 EA = Executive Assistant

Completed Items:
 CSM = Corporate Services Manager
 AF = Ag. Fieldman
 CDM = Community Development Manager

MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	STATUS
REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETINGS				
June 12, 2017				
AG63	(06/12/17)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board invite Northern Sunrise County Agricultural Fieldman to attend a future Agricultural Service Board meeting to discuss how the Alternative Land Use Service (ALUS) program works within their municipality.	AF	Aug 18 in field session attended by G. Candy, AF inviting to County after harvest.
September 11, 2017				
AG81	(09/11/17)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration investigate creating a library of video tutorials for operating the various equipment in the rental equipment fleet.	AF	In the works
June 8, 2018				
AG55	(06/08/18)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board direct the following amendments to Policy 6310 Rental Equipment: 2.1 expanding the statement to include rental items that are required occasionally and non-competition with other rental agents within the County boundaries and removing "recovering capital cost" from 3.3.1. and combine with 3.3.2.	CDM	Council Approved C422-18(09/11/18)
August 20, 2018				
AG72	(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board submit the following resolution to the Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference: WHEREAS Predation by carnivores and birds of prey continues to be a problem for ranchers and agricultural producers;(...SEE MINUTES)	AF	October 30 Regional ASB Conference
AG73	(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council send the draft letter as corrected to the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food to not allow the sale of Genetically Engineered Alfalfa in Western Canada.	CDM	Council approved and letter sent C418-18(09/11/18)



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MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	STATUS
AG74	(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the Design and Plant your Edible Forest Garden workshops to the December Agricultural Service Board meeting.	CDC	December Meeting
AG75	(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information regarding costs to have a member attend the No-Tillage Conference being held on January 8-11, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana.	AF	October 15, 2018 RFD
AG84	(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council include funds in the 2019 Roadside Vegetation Control section of the Operating Budget for a sprayer for the side by side, and modifications to the car hauler trailer to transport the side by side.	CDM	Included in the Draft Operating budget
AG85	(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Servicer Board recommend council approve a funding increase of \$5,000.00 to the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association. (\$7,500.00 environmental stream cost share agreement and \$17,500.00 for extension services outside this cost share agreement).	CDM	Council approved C417-18(09/11/18)
AG86	(08/20/18)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve a bronze sponsorship funding of \$100.00 to the Alberta Goat Association for their 7th annual Convention that will be held on October 26-28, 2018 at Clarkson Hall in Evergreen Park, Grande Prairie, Alberta.	CDC	Sponsorship sent
Items in Waiting				
AG133	(12/12/16)	RESOLUTION by Member Watchorn that this Agricultural Service Board table the discussion around the CombCut Selective Mower and bring back information once the University of Saskatchewan field trial study is complete.		2020 OR 2021
AG21	(02/13/17)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board table motion AG109(10/17/16) regarding Glyphosate Tolerant Wheat until new information is available.		October 15, 2018 RFD



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Completed Items:

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MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	STATUS
AG47	(03/13/17)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council send a letter to Alberta Agriculture and Forestry requesting the province to investigate the benefit of implementing a Land Drainage Tile Program similar to the province of Ontario's.	AF	Sent to Alberta Ag. & Forestry No reply as of August 2018

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	No Till Conference
File:	63-10-40

DESCRIPTION:

The Board directed administration to bring back further information on costs to attend No-Till Conference on January 8-11, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

BACKGROUND:

AG75(08/20/18) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to bring back further information regarding costs to have a member attend the No-Tillage Conference being held on January 8-11, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana. CARRIED.

Conference Fee:	\$ 339.00
Flights from Edmonton:	\$ 853.96 (round trip)
Mileage to Edmonton:	\$ 671.76 (1244 km x .54)
Hotel Accommodations:	\$ 616.40 (\$154.10 CAD for 4 nights)
ASB Honorarium:	\$ 935.25 (\$187.04 x 5 days)
	\$3,416.37

No-Till Conference Agenda is not available yet.

ATTACHMENTS:

- No-Till Conference speakers

OPTIONS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the No-Till Conference on January 8-11, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Initials show support - Reviewed by:	Manager:	<i>AG</i>	AF:
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VETERAN NO-TILLERS TO HEADLINE 2019 CONFERENCE



“Lessons Learned from 38 years of No-Till Farming Transitions”

Dick Wittman

No-Tiller and Farm Business Consultant
Lewiston, Idaho

Lewiston, Idaho no-tiller and farm business consultant Dick Wittman will make his first speaking appearance at NNTC. Dedication to conservation and community is what’s driven Wittman and his family business partners to pursue no-till with a healthy rotation of fall- and spring-seeded crops that comprise a sustainable cropping system among the steep hills of the Palouse.

In his general session, Wittman will profile the evolution of his farm's no-till practices over the last four decades, supported by the formation of the Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Assn., and discuss the importance of balancing economic and environmental benefits to improve profitability and quality of life on no-till operations. Wittman will also examine the value of collaborations with non-traditional partners and the importance of engaging in policy development related to conservation tillage.

Recognizing no-tillers today operate in a global environment that emphasizes the way goods are produced as being nearly as important as what is produced, Wittman's classroom presentation will introduce the "principles of process improvement." Wittman will show how no-tillers can implement process improvement on their farm, including developing standard operating procedures and identifying the risks of operating without them.



“No-Till Isn’t Just Planting — It’s a Year-Round Ecological System”

Trey Hill

No-Tiller

Rock Hall, Maryland

Innovative Rock Hall, Md., no-tiller Trey Hill will make his first speaking appearance at NNTC, discussing many of the cutting-edge planting and nutrient management practices being implemented on his 13,000-acre farm.

Hill will share in his general session how he effectively no-tills 13,000 acres of cover crops and cash crops at Harborview Farms while still doing his part to safeguard the environmentally sensitive Chesapeake Bay watershed. He'll discuss the advantages and challenges of planting cash crops green into living cover crops vs. planting brown, and share some of the game-changing goals he's set for his no-till operation as he participates in Bayer CropScience's FarmForward initiative.

Hill will outline in his classroom session how he uses the whole no-till toolbox to manage nitrogen with precision on his operation. Hill will discuss how he balances carbon-to-nitrogen ratios with his cover crop program to balance organic matter production with nutrient availability, factoring in termination timing and starter fertilizer rates to optimize his N investment. Hill will also share precision tools he uses to diagnose and fix N management issues.



“How Seeding Cover Crops Can Slash Your Fertilizer Bills”

David Brandt

No-Tiller
Carroll, Ohio

Carroll, Ohio no-tiller David Brandt will make another return to our 2019 event, bringing his expertise in cover crops, soil health and farm profitability to the table for attendees. In his general session, Brandt will help no-tillers understand how they can get more ROI from covers through making the proper adjustments to their farm's nutrient program to reduce fertilizer costs without sacrificing yield.

Brandt will also share research data on 25 different corn hybrids seeded into high-biomass cover crops on his farm to examine differences in corn emergence, stands and yield. In his classroom session, Brandt will discuss what he's learned from many years of interseeding cover crops into cash crops on his 1,100-acre farm, including what cover crop species have worked best and what his on-farm data has shown in terms of yield. Brandt will also discuss how corn hybrid choices and populations factor into successful cover crop establishment, and what to keep in mind when choosing interseeding equipment to achieve your no-till goals.



“Understanding and Perfecting Conservation Agriculture and Carbon Management on Your No-Till Operation”

Don Reicosky

Retired NRCS Soil Scientist

Morris, Minnesota

Carbon is at the crux of a highly functioning no-till system, but are you fully maximizing your farm’s ability to produce carbon and realize its benefit to your soils? **Don Reicosky, retired soil scientist for the USDA-ARS in Morris, Minn.,** will discuss the connection between conservation agriculture and soil health principles that are elevating the importance of carbon management.

Reicosky will explain the differences in various cover crop characteristics as they affect biodiversity and relate to carbon production in soils, including carbon-to-nitrogen ratios, rooting characteristics and nutrient cycling. He’ll cover the role that living or dormant covers or dead biomass plays as an energy source for the soil biology and how increasing diversity elevates production challenges but enhances benefits to the soil and ecosystem.

The retired soil scientist for the USDA-ARS in Morris, Minn., will also lead a classroom session, “How Soil Disturbance Disrupts Your No-Tilling Efforts,” where he will share how tillage practices — even vertical tillage — and other soil disturbances fragment fungal hyphae networks and disrupt the balance between fungi and bacteria, and subsequently, carbon and nitrogen storage and utilization efficiencies. He’ll also share some potential solutions to managing soil conditions without resorting to tillage.



“Harvest Sunlight, Cater to Covers and Preserve Corn Yields with Wider Rows”

Bob Recker

Retired John Deere Engineer & Farm Consultant
Waterloo, Iowa

Are you looking for ways to boost soil health without taking fields out of production? Retired John Deere engineer and farm consultant Bob Recker might have the answer: By turning off every other row on your planter and doubling per row populations, 60-inch corn leaves space for cover crops, companion crops, grazing livestock and high-clearance equipment.

Recker, who operates Waterloo, Iowa-based Cedar Valley Innovation, will share how his system — discovered by accident in 2017 and now under study on 23 farms across the Midwest — can help no-tillers build soil health and leverage increased sunlight without dinging corn yields. He'll share yield data, imagery and challenges experienced from growers working with this system.

Recker will also lead a classroom session, “Turning Aerial Scouting Into a Powerful Tool for No-Till Management.” Drawing on his experience with aerial scouting by planes, drones and satellite imagery, Recker will illustrate how a view from the air can help no-tillers get a new perspective on crop nutrient uptake, stands, water infiltration, crop maturity, drift issues and other no-till challenges. He’ll also discuss interpretation of aerial scouting results and how to address the problems either immediately or in the next growing season.



"Getting the Most From Your No-Till Operation by 'Farming 'Green'"

Rick Clark
No-Tiller
Williamsport, Indiana

To Rick Clark, “Farming Green” is a systematic approach to regenerative soil health and that’s what he brings to the 7,000 acres he manages at both Clark Land & Cattle and for his family. A main component of his no-till system is maximizing cover crop performance and planting his cash crops into living covers to build biomass, suppress weeds, recycle nutrients and feed soil microbes.

The Williamsport, Ind., no-tiller of non-GMO corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa will share details about his unique system of tissue testing cover crops in spring to analyze soil nutrients taken up that could be available for the next cash crop. He'll also share techniques and adjustments he's made to successfully no-till crops into green covers and how he's avoided having to make pesticide and fungicide applications for several years.

Clark will also lead a classroom sharing how he raises non-GMO feed for Dannon, including choosing the right hybrids and varieties for his corn, soybeans wheat and alfalfa. He'll also cover how he manages cover crops and fights weeds in this system, and what's leading him to convert some of his 7,000-acre farm to organic methods.



"Earthworms: Bioengineers and Sentinels of Living No-Tilled Soils"

Paul Hepperly

Agriculture Consultant, Educator & Scientist
Maryville, Tennessee

Most no-tillers know the presence of earthworms is an important sign of healthy soils, but their role in farming systems goes well beyond simply digesting residue and improving water infiltration with the tunnels they burrow, says Paul Reed Hepperly.

The Maryville, Tenn.-based agricultural consultant, educator and scientist has studied earthworms for many years and will share little-known facts about earthworm behavior and the important job these belowground creatures play in nutrient recycling and balancing soil acidity and soil health. The former research director at The Rodale Institute will also share how no-tillers can manage their acres to create a more favorable environment for earthworms to help their farm operation flourish even more.

Hepperly will also lead a classroom revealing the results of trials highlighting the competitiveness of organic no-till systems, especially in soybeans with their potentially 100% organic price premium and lower production costs. He'll also discuss how to work through transition from traditional to organic no-tilling, including handling documentation and independent monitoring.



"Unlocking the Profit Potential of an Effective, Responsible No-Till Nutrient Management Program"

Marion Calmer

Veteran No-Tiller

Alpha, Illinois

After 33 years of large plot, independent on-farm research, Marion Calmer, a veteran no-till farmer from western Illinois, has learned there's a huge difference between maximum physical yield and maximum financial yield.

Calmer will discuss 10 years' worth of yield, economic and soil-test data from his fertility plots and how he identifies profitable applications of nutrients. Years of surface applied phosphorus (P), potassium (K) and lime on these plots not only show P and K are stratifying, but his PH levels are as well. Drawing on his decades of no-till experience, Calmer will share some innovative ideas for managing nutrient challenges that could result in more dollars in your bank account without sacrificing yield.

Calmer will also lead a classroom where he'll explain why no-till waterways fail and how they can be reshaped; the best way to prepare a no-till seedbed to stand up to water flow; seed mixtures that get you quick regrowth and withstand future attacks; equipment needs and setups; and the best time of year to establish or repair waterways.



“Get Better Results with a Systems Approach To No-Till And Soil Health”

Paul Jasa

Ag Engineer

University of Nebraska Extension

Paul Jasa, the ag engineer at University of Nebraska Extension will discuss why no-tillers should aim for 100% continuous no-till systems to promote proper no-till soil structure and nutrient cycling and facilitate proper heating and cooling of farm ground for raising better crops. He'll also cover the advantages of diversifying no-till rotations with wheat or forages and explain the benefits of controlling wheel traffic in fields.

Jasa will also lead a classroom where he will help no-tillers develop a mindset to work through many variables with no-till planter setups, including proper adjustments to row units and the relationship between disc openers and operating depth. He will point out pros and cons to planting down the old row vs between old rows, how to use no-till soil structure to optimize proper planting depth, and the importance of weight distribution for the best planting results.

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abundance of no-tilling ideas and strategies



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TWO HIGH-POWERED PRE- CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS TO HELP BOOST COVER CROP ADOPTION, SUCCESS

With only 10 million acres seeded across the U.S., cover crop adoption still has a long way to go, as many growers are missing out on the soil-saving, organic-matter-building, nutrient-cycling benefits of covers.

For no-tillers just starting out with cover crops, it can be tough finding the right step-off point for their own climate and soils, in spite of all the resources available today. And agronomists, seeds salespeople and NRCS staff face a difficult task of clearly communicating the benefits of cover crops to no-tillers and getting them started without creating confusion or unrealistic expectations.

At the 27th annual National No-Tillage Conference, Pennsylvania no-tiller and cover crop educator Steve Groff will lead two separate workshops to give attendees a better chance of achieving success with cover crops. Both workshops will be held Jan. 8, 2019 at the Downtown Marriott in Indianapolis.

The cost for either workshop is \$75. Attendance will be limited to 75 people at each event on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees must choose only one workshop and will not be permitted to attend both.

“Training the Trainers on Cover Crop Adoption”

January 8, 10 a.m. to noon | Limited to 75 Attendees | \$75 to Attend

Groff will host a seminar for agronomists, seed salespeople, NRCS/Extension agents, researchers and other stakeholders in agriculture whose job is to work with growers to adopt cover crops and provide technical assistance or guidance.

Groff will cover roadblocks to adoption, setting realistic goals, what to do or NOT do when sharing anecdotes from innovators, and how to help growers understand the proper mindset for successful adoption. He’ll also cover mistakes cover crop seed salespeople need to avoid and share some tips for organizing field days that are helpful for growers.

[REGISTER & SIGN UP FOR THIS WORKSHOP](#)

“Cover Crop Basics for Rookies and Early Adopters” — **FOR FARMERS ONLY**

January 8, 2-5 p.m. | Limited to 75 Attendees | \$75 to Attend

Groff will shift gears Tuesday afternoon and provide valuable guidance and strategies for getting off the starting block with cover crops in a session geared toward cover crop rookies or those early in the adoption process.

Groff will discuss the mentality needed to make cover crops work, how to set realistic goals, evaluating the payback on covers and the pros and cons of different seeding methods. He'll also provide some answers on common challenges for cover crop adopters like termination timing, nitrogen tie-up, herbicide carryover and planting green effectively.

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	EVENTS
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with events for their consideration.

BACKGROUND:

- Environmental Farm Plan CAP Program Info Session & Dugout Workshop on October 18, 2018 at the Grimshaw Legion.
- Livestock Nutrition Workshop on October 24, 2018 at the Grovedale Ag Society starting at 9:30 a.m. or Savanna Rec Complex starting at 5:00 p.m.
- Alberta Beef Producers fall meetings on November 1, 2018 at the Grimshaw Legion Hall starting at 6:00 p.m.
- Power Your Profits Agronomy Marketing Management on November 13, 2018 at the Pomeroy Inn in Grimshaw, Alberta starting at 9:00 a.m.
- Canadian Forage & Grassland Association Conference on November 14-15, 2018 at the Sheraton Cavalier in Calgary, Alberta. (registration costs is \$500.00/person)
- Next Level Farming on November 19, 2018 at the Rycroft Ag Society Hall starting at 8:30 a.m.
- A Stockman Grass Farmer Business School on November 23-24, 2018 in Calgary, Alberta. (Registration costs is \$600.00/person)
- Prairie North Farm Forum on November 29, 2018 at the Mayerthorpe Diamond Centre

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the attendance of one or more members to one or more of the events listed.
2. Accept for information.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Calendars (October/November)
- Environmental Farm Plan CAP Programs Info Session & Dugout Workshop Poster
- Livestock Nutrition Workshop Poster
- Alberta Beef Producer Meeting information
- Powering for Profits information
- Canadian Forage & Grassland Association Schedule
- Next Level Farming Poster
- A Stockman Grass Farmer School Poster
- Prairie North Farm Forum Poster

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board....

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:

AgFieldman:

October 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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7	8 Thanksgiving County Closed	9 Council Mtg.	10	11	12	13
14	15 ASB Mtg.	16	17	18 Environmental Farm Plan CAP program & Dugout Workshop	19	20
21	22	23 Council Mtg.	24 Livestock Nutrition Workshop	25	26	27
28	29 Municipal Wetlands Education BH, MR, DJ	30 Regional ASB Conference All	31			

October 18th - Environmental Farm Plan CAP Program & Dugout Workshop – at the Grimshaw Legion starting at 9:30 a.m.

October 24th - Livestock Nutrition Workshop – at the Grovedale Ag Society starting at 9:30 a.m. or Savanna Rec Centre starting at 5:00 p.m.

October 29th - Municipal Wetlands Education – at the Grimshaw Legion on October 29, 2018 starting at 6:00 p.m.

October 30th - Regional ASB Conference – David Thompson Hall 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Legend:

BH – Brian Harcourt

BR – Baldrue Ruecker

MR – MacKay Ross

GC – Garry Candy

JW – Julie Watchorn

DJ – David Janzen

All – All available members

November 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Alberta Beef Producer Meeting	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Remembrance Day	12	13 Council Mtg. Power Your Profits	14 Canadian Forage & Grassland Association Conference	15	16	17
18	19 ASB Mtg. Next Level Farming	20	21	22	23 A Stockman Grass Farmer Business School	24
25	26	27 Council Mtg	28	29	30	

November 1st – Alberta Beef Producer Meeting at the Grimshaw Legion starting at 6:00 p.m.

November 13th – Power your Profits at the Pomeroy Inn in Grimshaw, Alberta starting at 9:00 a.m.

November 14-15th- Canadian Forage & Grassland Association Conference at the Sheraton Cavalier in Calgary, Alberta

November 19th – Next Level Farming at the Rycroft Ag Society Hall starting at 8:30 a.m.

November 23-24th – A Stockman Grass Farmer Business School in Calgary, Alberta

Legend:

BH – Brian Harcourt

BR – Baldur Ruecker

MR – MacKay Ross

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All – All available members

2-in-1 Workshop

Environmental Farm Plan CAP Programs Info Session & Dugout Workshop



Thursday, October 18, 2018
Registration 9:30 am, 10 am - 4 pm
Grimshaw Legion

Join us to learn about:

- Info on current grant opportunities
 - Dugout design & construction
 - Dugout biology
 - Water quality
 - Environmental Farm Plans
 - Get started on your EFP or
 - Help with renewing your EFP
- Free to attend, Lunch Included

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Livestock Nutrition Workshops

October 24, 2018

Grovedale Ag Society 9:30 am
Registration & coffee 9 am

Savanna Rec Complex 5 pm
Registration & coffee 4:30 pm

Learn how to:

- Read Feed Tests
- Formulate Feed Rations
- Make Your Winter Feeding Decisions: optimize feed & smart supplementation options

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Join the Alberta Beef Producers for their 2018 Fall Meetings!

Attend your local producer meeting to vote in the plebiscite.

[More information on the plebiscite can be found here.](#)

This is your opportunity to make a decision on future funding for your organization & industry!

Peace Country (Zone 9) Meeting Locations:

October 29th

La Crete

Heritage Centre

Free Supper @ 6 pm

Meeting @ 7 pm

November 1st

Grimshaw

Legion Hall

Free Supper @ 6 pm

Meeting @ 7 pm

November 5th

Valleyview

Memorial Hall

Free Supper @ 6 pm

Meeting @ 7 pm

November 7th

Grande Prairie

Pomeroy Inn

Free Supper @ 6 pm

Meeting @ 7 pm

Join local Alberta Canola Directors for a day of agronomy, marketing and management information.

There is no charge to attend any of the 12 Powering Your Profits events being held across Alberta and lunch is included at each event
– [see all 12 locations and dates](#)

Register before November 6 for a chance to win a three day pass to FarmTech 2019 – one lucky winner at every location!

Powering Your Profits

AGRONOMY - MARKETING - MANAGEMENT

12 locations across Alberta

Locations in the Peace

Grimshaw

November 13th

Pomeroy Inn

9am-3:30pm

[Click Here to Register](#)

Nampa

November 14th

Nampa Complex

9am-3:30pm

[Click Here to Register](#)

Grande Prairie

November 15th

Paradise Inn & Conference Center

9am-3:30pm

[Click Here to Register](#)

Below the Surface: Clubroot, Blackleg, and the future of Canola Production

Gregory Sekulic, Agronomy Specialist – Canola Council of Canada

Justine Cornelsen, Agronomy Specialist – Canola Council of Canada

Justine will discuss blackleg and clubroot and the importance of field scouting, diagnostic race tests, BMPs and why resistant varieties need support. Gregory will explain sustainable production systems that take into account land use, water use, biodiversity, and the metrics to measure them.

Marketing is a FOUR Letter Word

Brian Voth, President -intelliFARM

Grain marketing is never without it's challenges. Possibly the bane of most farm operations, more often than not marketing is where money is left on table. How do you manage price risk with production risk? Brian will discuss how having a plan and sticking to it will help you to stop associating marketing with four letter words.

Tax Tips & Traps

Dean Gallimore, Certified Professional Accountant & Certified Business Valuator

Farmers need to know that significant tax strategies are available to them. And these tools need to be incorporated into the management of the farm business. Learn more about how to maximize income after tax, which is more than just trying to minimize the tax obligation.

Farmers Are Amazing And Here's Why

Tanya Pidsadowski, Public Engagement Coordinator – Alberta Canola

Talking with consumers can be challenging for most farmers, so here are some tips and notes to make the conversation easier. If consumers understand what you are doing, then consumers can help support what you do.



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**NOVEMBER
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**CONFERENCE
AGENDA**

Foundation Forage: Built from the Ground Up

**12
MON**

Alberta Room

General Managers Meeting	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Lunch	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Best Management Practices Workshop	12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
CFGGA Board of Directors Meeting	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

**13
TUES**

Alberta Room

Technical Working Group Meeting	8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Lunch	11:30 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Technical Working Group Meeting	12:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

**14
WED**

Sheraton Ballroom

Theme: Set The Tone

Welcome & Introductions Ray Robertson, CFGA Chairman	8:30 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.
Keynote Speaker Dr. Henry Janzen, Agriculture & Agri - Food Canada	8:40 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Nutrition & Networking Session 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Theme: Carbon Policy

Current State of Protocol Development in Canada Karen Haugen-Kozyra, Viresco Solutions	10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Soil Carbon and Data Management Aaron Schroeder, Brightspot Carbon	10:30 p.m. - 11 a.m.
The California Grassland Carbon Experience Max DuBuisson, Climate Action Reserve	11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Speakers Panel: Carbon Policy, Now What?	11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Lunch Break	12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Theme: High Performance Forage Systems

Plan It Bill Thomas, BJT Agronomy	1 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.
Seed It Earl Creech, Utah State University	1:25 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.
Feed It Tom Jensen, International Plant Nutrition Institute	1:50 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Virtual Farm Tour # 1 TBA	2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.



14
WED

Theme: High Performance Systems
Sheraton Ballroom

Graze It - Tame Forages 3 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.
Jack Kyle, Gallagher Fencing Systems

Advances in Native Rangeland Management 3:25 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.
Dr. Cameron Carlyle, University of Alberta

Evaluate It 3:50 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Sean McGrath, Ranching Systems Ltd.

Virtual Farm Tour #2 4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Mike Roberts, Waldron Ranch

High Performance Forage Management Panel 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Wrap Up from the Day 5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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THUR

Theme: High Performance Forage Systems
Sheraton Ballroom

Welcome & Introductions 8:30 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.
Doug Wray

Forage Breeding for the Future 8:40 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.
Dr. Stacy Singer, AAFC Lethbridge

Managing Risk and Reward for Transgenic Forages on The Landscape 9:05 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Dr. Dan Undersander, Forage Genetics International

Managing Genetics in a Shifting Tide 9:30 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.
Glenn Friesen/Dr. Vern Baron, Manitoba Agriculture

Panel : Forage Breeding for the Future 9:55 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Nutrition & Networking Session 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Theme: A Soil First Focus

Integrating Annual Forages to Cash Crop Production Models 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Mike Schellenberg, AAFC

Keep Your Soils Covered 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Steve Groff, Cover Crop Coaching
covercropcoaching.com

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THUR

Theme: Export Forage Sector Session
Sheraton Ballroom

TBA 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 a.m.

Awards Luncheon: Harvest it Presentation 12:15 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Theme: Export Forage Sector Session

Surviving in a Competitive Global Marketplace 2 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Ron Tombaugh, Past President, National Hay Association

Trade Policy Impacts on Global Forage Markets 2:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Paul Pryce, Consulate General of Japan
Trade Policy Impacts on Global Forage Markets

Theme: Grassland Conservation

The Realities of Monetizing Agricultural Carbon in Alberta 3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Glenn Friesen, Manitoba Agriculture
Dr. Vern Baron, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Putting Practice to Work 3:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Kim Cornish, Food Water Wellness Foundation

Wrap Up & Head Home 4 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

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FRI

Alberta Ballroom

Export Forage Sector Engagement Workshop 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR TUESDAY, NOV. 13, 2018

Cost: \$100

Book your seat by pre-registration only

Schedule

- 8 a.m. Leave hotel
- 9 a.m. Arrive at Namaka Farms, located in Strathmore, a large-scale family-owned feedlot
- 11 a.m. Arrive at Arrowwood Hutterite Colony, located in Blackie, a modern Hutterite Colony including grain, cow calf, feedlot, hogs and a provincially inspected slaughter plant
- Lunch at the Arrowwood Hutterite Colony
- 1 p.m. Depart Arrowwood Hutterite Colony
- 2:30 p.m. Arrive at Waldron Grazing Co-op, located near Longview, with approximately 65,000 acres of mostly native grass in some of the most picturesque parts of Alberta. They are an excellent example of large-scale natural pasture management
- 4:30 p.m. Leave Waldron Grazing Co-op
- 6 p.m. Arrive back at hotel

More Details:

Namaka Farms is a 24,000-head family owned feedlot located near Strathmore. Namaka Farms also operates grain farms in both Alberta and near Outlook, Sask., and runs cow-calf operations. Owned by Bryan Theisen, Namaka Farms was recently selected to be mentored as part of the 2018-2019 Beef Researcher Mentorship program. The program pairs researchers with beef industry leaders in order to better understand the impacts, practicalities and economics of adopting research results.

Arrowwood Hutterite Colony is located near Blackie, approx 100 km's southeast of Calgary. They operate AW Quality Meat Processing, and produce grain, run a cow-calf operation and feedlot, raise hogs and operate a provincially inspected slaughter plant. AW Quality Meat Processing describes itself as a small, family run butcher shop featuring hormone-free, chemical-free, quality meats and free-range chickens, triple A Angus beef and pork.

Waldron Grazing Co-op is the largest deeded block of land on the eastern slopes of Alberta. South of the picturesque community of Longview between the Whaleback and the Porcupine Hills, the Waldron Grazing Co-op continues to enjoy an interesting, evolving history. One of the largest co-operative land purchase deals in Alberta's history, the co-op was established in 1962 when 116 southern Alberta ranchers signed over \$1 million for 44,000 acres of foothills grazing land. The premise behind the original deal, still valid today, saw ranchers purchase shares in the co-op which gave them the right to bring their cattle to the Waldron Ranch area to graze. Waldron Ranch land is comprised primarily of native grass, which holds food value through the winter. Less than one per cent of Alberta's land remains as native grassland.



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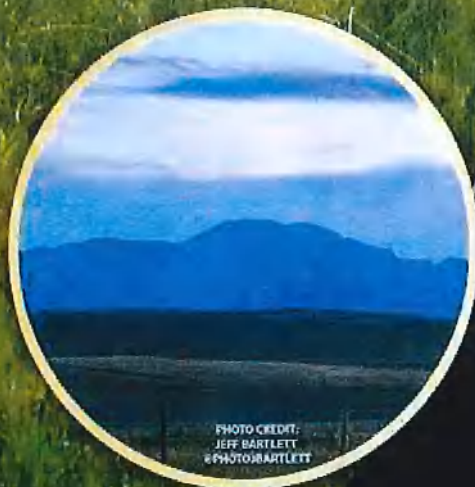


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Join Alberta Wheat Commission, Alberta Pulse Growers and the Alberta Barley for Next Level Farming, a one-day event featuring, market insights, rural crime experts, regional agronomy specialist and valuable farm management tips.

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A promotional poster for the 'Next Level Farming' event. The background is a vibrant blue sky with scattered white clouds over a lush green rolling landscape. The title 'NEXT LEVEL FARMING' is prominently displayed in the upper center. 'NEXT' is in a bold, green, sans-serif font. 'LEVEL' is in a similar green font but is partially obscured by a large, stylized green arrow that curves from the top right towards the left, pointing towards the word 'LEVEL'. 'FARMING' is in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the title, a paragraph of text in a smaller, black, sans-serif font reads: 'Join us at Next Level Farming featuring market insights, rural crime experts, regional agronomy specialists and valuable farm management tips.' Underneath this paragraph, the phrase 'We hope to see you there.' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the poster, contact information is provided in a small, black, sans-serif font: 'albertabarley.com | albertawheat.com | 1.800.265.9111' and 'albertapulse.com | 780.986.9398'.

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Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2018
Originated By:	Audrey Bjorklund, CLGM, Community Development Manager
Title:	2019 OPERATING BUDGET
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with the first draft of the 2019 Agricultural Services Operating Budget.

BACKGROUND:

The following items have been included in the budget.

- AG22(05/07/18) RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the delegation by Nora Paulovich with the North Peace Applied Research Association and recommend Council approve \$5,000.00 in the 2019 operating budget to fund North Peace Applied Research Association projects in the County and region. CARRIED.
- AG84(08/20/18) RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council include funds in the 2019 Roadside Vegetation Control section of the Operating Budget for a sprayer for the side by side, and modifications to the car hauler trailer to transport the side by side. CARRIED
- AG85(08/20/18) RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Servicer Board recommend council approve a funding increase of \$5,000.00 to the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association. (\$7,500.00 environmental stream cost share agreement and \$17,500.00 for extension services outside this cost share agreement). CARRIED.

ATTACHMENTS.

- 2018 Draft Operating Budget detail

OPTIONS:

1. Recommend to Council the Agricultural Service Board 2018 Operating Budget as presented.
2. Recommend to Council with the following additions/deletions/changes....

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by that this Agricultural Service Board....

Initials show support - Reviewed by: **Manager:** *ABj* **AgFieldman:** *GC*

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Account	FUNCTION	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	2021
		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget		
2-63-02-02-11*	Ag Svc - ASB - Wages	151,801	160,000	117,499	177,360	150,089	189,284			180,089	189,284
2-63-02-02-13*	Ag Svc - ASB - Employer Contributions	88,080	90,000	83,484	86,390	101,306	106,472			101,306	106,472
2-63-02-02-148	Ag Svc - ASB - Training & Education	2,827	2,500	1,269	2,500	2,500	2,500			2,500	2,500
2-63-02-02-159	Ag Svc - ASB - Fees for Service	0	-	4,625	1,110	-	-			-	-
	Salaries, Wages, and Benefits	242,707	252,500	206,678	270,250	252,500	283,905			252,500	298,257
2-63-02-02-211	Ag Svc - ASB - Travel & Substistence	15,732	11,000	10,089	10,000	10,000	10,000			10,000	10,000
2-63-02-02-214	Ag Svc - ASB - Membership & Conference Fees	825	1,700	3,420	1,220	1,700	1,150			1,700	1,150
2-63-02-02-215	Ag Svc - ASB - Freight & Postage	22	-	177	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-216	Ag Svc - ASB - Internet	284	240	314	243	240	246			246	246
2-63-02-02-217	Ag Svc - ASB - Telephone	4,953	5,000	6,583	5,000	5,000	5,000			5,000	5,000
2-63-02-02-219	Ag Svc - ASB - Hospitality	0	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-221	Ag Svc - ASB - Advertising & Promotion	804	425	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-222	Ag Svc - ASB - Printing & Binding	215	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-223	Ag Svc - ASB - Subscriptions & Publications	0	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-224	Ag Svc - ASB - Municipal Membership Fees	0	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-229	Ag Svc - ASB - Municipal Membership Fees	0	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
	Buildings - Office & Shop (25%)										
2-63-02-02-239	Ag Svc - ASB - Other Contracted Services	0	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-242	Ag Svc - ASB - Building Chargeback	72,429	80,264	63,169	81,889	82,790	83,704			82,790	83,704
2-63-02-02-245	Ag Svc - ASB - Vehicle Chargebacks	9,059	13,676	11,790	13,827	13,676	13,827			13,676	14,132
2-63-02-02-247	Ag Svc - ASB - Mapping chargebacks	405	1,320	935	1,335	1,320	1,364			1,320	1,364
2-63-02-02-248	Ag Svc - ASB - Communications Chargeback	2,157	2,153	2,157	2,185	2,157	2,235			2,157	2,235
2-63-02-02-265	Ag Svc - ASB - Vehicle Rental	0	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-274	Ag Svc - ASB - Insurance	768	800	546	550	800	556			800	562
2-63-02-02-279	Ag Svc - ASB - Other Miscellaneous Services	42	50	28	50	50	50			50	50
	Contracted & General Services	107,707	116,638	99,167	117,379	116,638	118,542			117,430	118,542
2-63-02-02-511	Ag Svc - ASB - Stationery Supplies	251	250	76	250	250	256			251	256
2-63-02-02-514	Ag Svc - ASB - Consumable & Bulk Foods	24	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-515	Ag Svc - ASB - Catered & Prepared Foods	0	390	390	390	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-518	Ag Svc - ASB - Furniture, ADP & Comms Purchases	0	144	144	144	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-519	Ag Svc - ASB - Other General Goods & Supplies	0	2,284	2,284	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-522	Ag Svc - ASB - Tires, Batteries and Accessories	0	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-524	Ag Svc - ASB - Consumable Tools	0	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
	Materials, Goods & Utilities	275	250	2,894	250	250	253			275	256
2-63-02-02-711	Ag Svc - ASB - Grants To Individuals & NGOs	0	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-771	Ag Svc - AESA - General - Grants	0	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-762	Ag Svc - ASF - To Capital Programs	0	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-764	Ag Svc - Transfer to Reserve	30,000	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-764	Ag Svc - Transfer to Reserve	0	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-792	Ag Svc - ASB - Amor Exp - Buildings	0	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-792	Ag Svc - ASB - Amor Exp - Buildings	0	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-792	Ag Svc - ASB - Amor Exp - Buildings	0	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
2-63-02-02-793	Ag Svc - ASB - Amor Exp - Mach & Equip	19,322	18,981	15,731	18,583	18,981	18,788			18,981	18,788

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		Actual 12/31/16	Budget	Actual 12/31/18	Budget	Actual 6/30/18	Budget	Actual	Budget		
2-63-02-02-795	Ag Svc - ASB - Amor Exp - Vehicles	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Amortization Expense	19,322	-	15,731	-	-	-	-	-	18,788	18,994
	Transfer Payments	49,322	-	15,731	-	-	-	-	-	18,788	18,994
2-63-02-02-814	Ag Svc - ASB - Charges, Penalties & Other Charges	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Financial Services & Other Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Ag Svc - General	400,011	-	324,699	-	131,741	-	387,769	409,462	420,375	436,049
2-63-10-02-11*	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Wages	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Employer Contributions	876	-	905	-	471	-	900	946	994	1,045
2-63-10-02-13*	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Other Fees for Service	23,573	-	19,533	-	10,546	-	26,400	26,400	26,990	26,984
	Travel & Subsistence	18,827	-	18,564	-	13,009	-	19,000	25,000	25,275	25,553
2-63-10-02-21	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Membership & Conference Fee	7,592	-	9,290	-	4,655	-	8,000	8,000	8,088	8,177
2-63-10-02-214	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Freight & Postage	135	-	17	-	-	-	135	135	136	138
2-63-10-02-216	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Internet	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hospitality	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-10-02-219	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Advertising & Promotion	222	-	199	-	-	-	8,000	-	-	261
2-63-10-02-221	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Printing & Binding	17	-	-	-	-	-	250	-	-	251
2-63-10-02-222	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Subscriptions & Publications	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-10-02-224	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Municipal Membership Fees	0	-	500	-	500	-	500	-	500	501
2-63-10-02-232	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Legal	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Miscellaneous Services	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-10-02-279	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Stationary Supplies	116	-	2,715	-	935	-	125	125	126	128
2-63-10-02-511	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Canned or Prepared Foods	1,720	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	2,022	2,044
2-63-10-02-517	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Safety Supplies	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-10-02-519	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Other General Goods & Supplie	495	-	842	-	824	-	1,000	1,200	1,213	1,227
2-63-10-02-521	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Gas, Oil, Lubricants, Antifreeze	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-10-02-523	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Equipment, Machine and Vehic	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-10-02-524	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Consumable Tools	0	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-10-02-771	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Grants	9,600	-	10,600	-	10,600	-	1,000	1,000	1,011	1,022
2-63-10-02-793	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Amortization - Machinery & Equ	2,659	-	2,236	-	-	-	2,659	2,658	2,717	2,747
	General	65,846	-	65,427	-	41,539	-	69,989	67,994	68,774	69,815
2-63-10-10-11*	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Wages	2,285	-	7,647	-	3,112	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
2-63-10-10-13*	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Employer Contributions	338	-	2,350	-	1,014	-	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200
2-63-10-10-215	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Freight & Postage	594	-	133	-	81	-	-	-	-	-
	Advertising & Promotion	127	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-10-10-221	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Advertising & Promotion	0	-	764	-	764	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-10-10-229	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Printing & Binding	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-10-10-232	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Other Professional Services	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-10-10-242	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Building Chargeback Chargeback	0	-	-	-	-	-	1,418	1,418	1,447	1,463
2-63-10-10-243	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Equipment Chargeback	18,040	-	8,104	-	2,993	-	23,000	23,000	23,253	23,509
2-63-10-10-253	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Equipment R&M	0	-	320	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-10-10-271	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Licenses & Permits	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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		Actual	12/31/16	Actual	12/31/18	Actual	6/30/18							
2-63-10-10-274	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Insurance	0	274	44	44	32	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-10-511	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Stationery Supplies	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-10-513	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Janitorial Supplies	46	46	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-10-519	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Other General Goods & Supplies	6,243	6,243	980	980	800	800	260	260			253	253	256
2-63-10-10-521	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Gas, Oil & Lubricants	113	113	15	15	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-10-522	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Tires, Batteries and Accessories	0	0	374	374	206	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-10-523	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Equipment, Machine and Vehicle	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-10-524	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Consumable Tools	0	0	83	83	7	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-10-528	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Other Equipment, Machines and	0	0	277	277	277	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-10-538	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Signage	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-10-771	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Grants	0	0	7,781	7,781	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-10-793	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - March & Equip	6,886	6,886	28,873	28,873	9,286	22,750	23,000	23,000			23,253	23,509	23,509
2-63-10-20-11*	Ag Svc - Improvement - Rental Equipment	34,945	34,945	28,873	28,873	9,286	60,916	60,981	60,981			61,507	62,038	62,038
2-63-10-20-13*	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Wages	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-20-13*	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Employer Contributions	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-20-21	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Travel & Subistence	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-20-214	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Membership & Conference Fees	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-20-215	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Freight & Postage	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-20-219	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Hospitality	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-20-223	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Advertising & Promotion	0	0	1,000	1,000	500	3,000	2,900	2,900			2,932	2,964	2,964
2-63-10-20-224	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Subscriptions & Publications	0	0	282	282	282	650	1,300	1,300			1,314	1,329	1,329
2-63-10-20-229	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Municipal Membership	767	767	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-20-235	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Other Information Services	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-20-239	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Consultants	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-20-262	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Other Professional Services	882	882	1,050	1,050	135	1,235	1,235	1,235			1,235	1,235	1,235
2-63-10-20-365	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Building Rental	0	0	135	135	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-20-514	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Other Municipal Agencies	0	0	-	-	-	12,500	22,500	22,500			17,500	17,500	17,500
2-63-10-20-519	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Bulk Foods	0	0	12,500	12,500	3	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-20-522	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Other General Goods & Supplies	130	130	3	3	3	1,000	1,000	1,000			1,011	1,022	1,022
2-63-10-30-11*	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public	1,779	1,779	14,972	14,972	13,422	18,385	28,935	28,935			23,992	24,050	24,050
2-63-10-30-13*	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Wages	18,973	18,973	20,888	20,888	17,870	22,000	23,562	23,562			24,764	26,027	26,027
2-63-10-30-148	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Employer Contributions	4,431	4,431	4,906	4,906	4,464	5,250	5,707	5,707			6,998	6,304	6,304
2-63-10-30-159	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Training & Education	0	0	-	-	-	200	200	200			202	204	204
2-63-10-30-211	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Other Fees for Service	420	420	-	-	-	500	500	500			505	511	511
2-63-10-30-215	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Travel & Subistence	1,691	1,691	3,060	3,060	3,060	2,000	2,000	2,000			505	511	511
2-63-10-30-217	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Freight & Postage	1,274	1,274	1,294	1,294	1,266	1,500	1,500	1,500			1,517	1,533	1,533
2-63-10-30-219	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Telephone	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-30-221	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Hospitality	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-30-223	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Advertising & Promotion	9,275	9,275	9,659	9,659	9,659	10,000	8,000	8,000			8,088	8,177	8,177
2-63-10-30-229	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Subscriptions & Publications	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-30-239	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Other Professional Services	21,475	21,475	26,261	26,261	26,261	28,000	28,000	28,000	Enterance, helping hands, cleaning, pasting zoo, wagon		26,308	28,619	28,619

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		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget						
2-63-10-30-245	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Vehicle Chargebacks	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
2-63-10-30-253	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
2-63-10-30-255	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
2-63-10-30-262	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Building Rental	5,250	5,410	5,410	5,410	5,500	5,500	5,500	ATM rental		5,561	5,622	5,622
2-63-10-30-263	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Equipment & Furniture Rent	250	-	-	-	250	250	250			253	-	256
2-63-10-30-271	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Licenses & Permits	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-30-272	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Damage Claims	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-30-279	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Other Miscellaneous Services	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-30-511	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Stationery Supplies	0	26	26	26	25	25	25			25	-	26
2-63-10-30-512	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Stationery Supplies	0	-	-	-	350	350	350	helping hands fabrics and gloves for staff		354	354	358
2-63-10-30-513	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Clothing & Footwear	11	16	16	16	100	100	100	sweeping compound		101	101	102
2-63-10-30-514	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Consumable & Bulk Foods	1,995	1,998	1,998	1,998	2,000	2,500	2,500	breakfast & donuts based on 2017 actual		2,528	2,585	2,585
2-63-10-30-515	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Catered or Prepared Foods	4,429	3,949	3,949	3,949	6,125	6,500	6,500	banquet 225x525 + staff & helping hands meals		6,572	6,644	6,644
2-63-10-30-517	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Safety Supplies	0	40	40	40	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-30-519	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - General Supplies	4,464	5,074	3,992	3,992	5,000	5,000	5,000	ornaments from Rubys door prizes ribbons etc.		5,055	5,111	5,111
2-63-10-30-521	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Fuel	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-30-523	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Equipment, Machine & Vehicle Part	130	1,305	1,305	1,305	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-30-524	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Consumable Tools	0	-	-	-	200	200	200	staples screws etc		101	101	101
2-63-10-30-529	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Other Construction & Maint Mater	617	76	146	146	500	500	500	update signage		506	506	511
2-63-10-30-538	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Signage	0	383	383	383	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-30-539	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Other Const & Maintenance Mater	36	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-30-560	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Exhibitors	0	100	100	100	500	500	500	booth refund allowance		506	506	511
2-63-10-30-795	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Amort Exp - Vehicles	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-40-215	Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I. - Freight & Postage	74,721	84,385	79,888	79,888	90,000	89,294	89,294			91,447	93,683	93,683
2-63-10-40-224	Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I. - Municipal Membership	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-40-239	Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I. - Other Professional Services	43,900	65,300	65,300	65,300	65,300	65,300	65,300	VSI agreement		66,018	66,745	66,745
2-63-10-40-355	Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I. - Other municipal agencies	2,375	2,750	875	875	3,000	3,000	3,000	BSE testing incentive \$125 each		3,033	3,066	3,066
2-63-10-40-771	Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I. - Grants	46,275	68,050	66,175	66,175	68,300	69,300	69,300			69,051	69,811	69,811
2-63-10-50-112	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Seasonal	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-50-132	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - C.P.P.	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-50-133	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - E.I.	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-50-211	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Travel & Subsistence	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-50-215	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Freight & Postage	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-50-219	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Hospitality	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-50-221	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Advertising & Promotion	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-50-235	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Consultants	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-50-239	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Other Professional Services	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-50-262	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Building Rental	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-50-268	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Equipment & Furniture Rental	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
2-63-10-50-511	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Stationery Supplies	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-

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		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget				2019	2019		
2-63-10-50-517	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Safety Supplies	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-10-50-524	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Consumable Tools	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-10-50-532	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Grounds	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-10-50-771	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Grants	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Ag Svc - Improvement	223,566	261,707	210,311	307,570	315,504	314,771	319,397						
2-63-20-02-11*	Ag Svc - A-E S.A. - Wages	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-20-02-13*	Ag Svc - A-E S.A. - Employer Contributions	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-20-02-159	Ag Svc - A-E S.A. - Other Fees for Service	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-20-02-211	Ag Svc - A-E S.A. - Travel & Postage	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-20-02-215	Ag Svc - A-E S.A. - Freight & Postage	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-20-02-351	Ag Svc - A-E S.A. - Hospitality	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-20-02-355	Ag Svc - A-E S.A. - Other local governments	64,500	105,000	7,500	105,000	105,000	106,155	107,323						
2-63-20-02-771	Ag Svc - A-E S.A. - Other municipal agencies	0	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,583	7,661						
	Ag Svc - A-E S.A. - Grants	64,500	112,500	7,500	112,500	112,500	113,738	114,984						
	Ag Svc - A-E S.A.	64,500	112,500	7,500	112,500	112,500	113,738	114,984						
2-63-30-10-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Wages	192	1,352	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-30-10-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Employer Contributions	22	151	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-30-10-215	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Freight & Postage	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-30-10-239	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Other Professional Services	120	46	46	175	175	177	179						
2-63-30-10-279	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Other Misc. Services	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-30-10-519	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Other General Supplies	12	15	-	200	50	51	51						
2-63-30-10-524	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Consumable Tools	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-30-10-531	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Chemicals & Salt	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease	346	1,563	46	375	225	227	230						
2-63-30-20-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Wages	1,901	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-30-20-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Employer Contributions	624	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-30-20-148	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Training & Education	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-30-20-211	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Travel & Subsistence	682	-	-	600	-	600	600						
2-63-30-20-214	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Individual Memberships &	600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-30-20-221	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Advertising & Promotion	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-30-20-232	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Legal	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-30-20-239	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Other Professional Service	54,870	45,210	28,710	65,000	50,000	50,550	51,105						
2-63-30-20-519	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Stationary Supplies	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-30-20-529	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Other General Goods & S	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-30-30-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Other Equip. Veh & Mach	59,577	45,210	28,710	65,600	50,000	50,550	51,706						
2-63-30-30-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Wages	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Employer Contributions	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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		Actual 12/31/16	Actual 12/31/18	Actual 6/30/18					
2-63-30-30-219	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Hospitality	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-30-30-239	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Other Professional Services	8,730	20,340	15,990	25,000	-	rescinded Beaver bounty in 2018	-	-
2-63-30-30-251	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Repair/Infra Infrastructure	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-30-30-279	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Other Miscellaneous Services	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-30-30-519	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Other General Goods & Supplies	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-30-30-537	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Culverts	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-30-30-539	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Other Construction and Maintenance	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-30-40-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Insect Control -Wages	8,730	20,340	15,990	25,000	-		-	-
2-63-30-40-13*	Ag Svc - Pest Control - Insect Control -Wages	0	722	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-30-40-214	Ag Svc - Pest Control - Insect Control -Employer Contributions	0	80	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-30-40-531	Ag Svc - Pest Control - Insect Control -Conference fee	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-40-02-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Chemicals & Salt	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-40-02-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Wages	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-40-02-148	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Employer Contributions	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-40-02-211	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Training & Education	214	640	640	300	450	Authorized Assistant course 3x150 each year	455	480
2-63-40-02-215	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Travel & Subistence	207	906	-	900	910	based on 2018 actual	920	930
2-63-40-02-217	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Individual Memberships	700	1,150	1,150	1,200	750	wedded Inspector & spray crew workshops	758	760
2-63-40-02-221	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Freight & Postage	160	53	49	90	-		-	-
2-63-40-02-223	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Telephone	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-40-02-229	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Advertising & Promotion	0	-	-	500	500	employment rate	505	511
2-63-40-02-232	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Subscriptions & Publishat	0	-	-	300	-	materials included in courses	-	-
2-63-40-02-239	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Other Professional Servi	220	1,645	1,320	10,000	10,000	enforcement spraying (in/out offset by chargeback	10,110	10,221
2-63-40-02-243	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Equipment Chargeback	4,323	2,604	813	3,048	3,085		3,119	3,153
2-63-40-02-263	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Equipment Repairs & Wre	0	373	373	350	2,350	2K modify cat hauler for spray water & UTV	2,376	2,402
2-63-40-02-512	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Clothing and Footwear	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-40-02-515	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Cooled & Prepared Foo	76	83	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-40-02-517	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Cooled & Prepared Foo	1,421	2,910	2,784	1,500	400	white tweek suits & nitrile gloves	404	409
2-63-40-02-518	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Salary Supplies	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-40-02-519	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Furniture, ADP & Comm	180	802	656	500	-		-	-
2-63-40-02-521	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Other General Goods & S	0	120	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-40-02-523	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Equip. Match & Veh Part	2,935	301	77	300	4,800	skid mount UTV sprayer & boom	4,853	4,906
2-63-40-02-524	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Consumable Tools	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-40-02-529	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Other Supplies	2,245	330	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-40-02-551	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Chemicals and Salts	901	1,164	311	30,000	20,000	\$15000 re-w spraying \$5000 30 miles brush to st	20,220	20,442
2-63-40-02-541	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Water	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-40-02-762	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Capital	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-40-02-764	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - To Operating Reserve	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-40-02-814	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Charges, Penalties and	0	-	-	-	-		-	-
2-63-40-10-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Wages	13,640	15,212	8,173	48,988	43,244		43,720	44,201
		183	191	-	-	-		-	-

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		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget				Actual	Budget		
2-63-40-10-413*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Employer Contributions	21	-	21	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-40-10-243	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Other Contracted Services	0	-	633	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-40-10-523	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Equipment Chargebacks	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-40-10-531	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Equipment, Machine & Veh	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-40-10-539	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Chemicals and Salts	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Other Construction and Ma	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush	204	-	896	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-40-30-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Wages	15,976	-	26,731	-	178	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-40-30-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Employer Contributions	0	-	2,962	-	20	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-40-30-215	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Freight & Postage	0	-	442	-	28	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-40-30-217	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Telephone	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-40-30-239	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Other Professional Ser	6,413	-	908	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-40-30-243	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Equipment Chargeback	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-40-30-253	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Equipment R & M	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-40-30-517	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Safety supplies	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-40-30-519	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Other General Goods &	0	-	272	-	282	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-40-30-523	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Equipment, Machine an	0	-	585	-	585	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-40-30-524	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Consumable Tools	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-40-30-531	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Chemicals & Salts	9,496	-	6,330	-	233	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder	33,713	-	38,252	-	1,279	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation	47,557	-	54,358	-	9,452	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Wages	3,184	-	7,576	-	7,504	-	45,000	-		50,794	47,295	49,707	51,918
2-63-50-02-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Employer Contributions	340	-	885	-	877	-	6,000	-		6,305	6,628	6,985	6,985
2-63-50-02-148	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Training & Education	1,985	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	-		1,000	1,011	1,011	1,022
2-63-50-02-211	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Travel & Substenance	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-214	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Individual Memberships	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-215	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Freight & Postage	45	-	70	-	12	-	50	-		105	based on 2018 actual	105	107
2-63-50-02-216	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Internet	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-217	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Telephone	3,511	-	1,892	-	1,110	-	1,200	-		625	phone allowances 5 inspectors&25/m/inspectors/m.	632	639
2-63-50-02-221	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Hospitality	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-222	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Advertising & Promotion	110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-223	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Printing & Binding	180	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-229	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Subscriptions & Publicat	95	-	562	-	562	-	570	-		570	MRF subscription fee	570	570
2-63-50-02-245	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Other Professional Servi	600	-	1,613	-	1,44	-	1,50	-		1,000	MRF updates, archive & refresh WI tablets	5,055	5,111
2-63-50-02-245	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Vehicle Chargeback	3,869	-	7,998	-	2,538	-	9,278	-		9,980		9,483	9,587
2-63-50-02-265	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Equip Repairs & Maint	0	-	225	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-274	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Insurance	47	-	277	-	235	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-511	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Stationary Supplies	0	-	144	-	144	-	150	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-514	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Consumable & Bulk Foo	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-515	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Catered & Prepared Foo	379	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-517	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Safety Supplies	964	-	341	-	341	-	350	-		-	-	-	-

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		Actual 12/31/16	Budget 12/31/16	Actual 12/31/18	Budget 12/31/18	Actual 6/30/18	Budget 6/30/18	Actual	Budget		
2-63-50-02-519	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Other General Goods &	2071	5,781	5,754	4,800	0	see *239 above	0	0	0	0
2-63-50-02-521	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Gas, Oil, Lubricants, Anti	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-522	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Tires, Batteries & Access	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-523	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Gas, Oil, Lubricants, Anti	138	1,278	1,278	1,300	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-524	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Consumable Tools	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-529	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Other Equipment, Machi	3,812	2,671	2,671	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-531	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Chemicals & salt	10,997	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-02-795	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Amort Exp - Vehicles	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-20-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Wages	30,463	31,313	23,026	70,698	70,281	-	-	73,192	76,244	76,244
2-63-50-20-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Employer Contributio	35,623	33,733	15,100	-	25,000	-	-	26,275	27,615	27,615
2-63-50-20-211	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Travel & Subsistence	3,522	3,718	1,661	-	2,400	-	-	2,522	2,651	2,651
2-63-50-20-217	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Telephone	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-20-239	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Other Contracted Ser	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-20-519	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Safety Supplies	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-20-519	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Other General Good	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-20-523	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Equipment, Machine	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-20-524	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Consumable Tools	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-20-531	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Other Equip, Machin	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-30-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone	39,146	37,486	16,761	-	27,400	-	-	28,797	30,266	30,266
2-63-50-30-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Wages	11,165	9,926	4,916	24,000	10,000	reduced to 10K & reallocated in whitezone	10,510	10,510	11,046	11,046
2-63-50-30-211	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Travel & Subsistence	1,254	1,104	547	2,400	1,000	-	-	1,051	1,105	1,105
2-63-50-30-239	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Other Professional S	3,688	2,682	906	3,000	3,033	-	-	3,086	3,100	3,100
2-63-50-30-263	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Other Professional S	1,125	-	-	10,000	3,000	enforcement allowance (without chargeback to leas	5,085	5,085	5,111	5,111
2-63-50-30-514	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Vehicle Rental	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-30-515	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Catered or Prepared	480	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-30-517	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Safety Supplies	349	188	188	350	-	under travel & subsistence	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-30-521	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Gas, Oil, Lubricants,	0	-	-	400	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-63-50-30-524	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Consumable Tools	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone	18,080	13,900	6,557	40,150	19,033	-	-	19,662	20,361	20,361
	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Inspection	87,669	82,658	46,344	110,848	116,714	-	-	121,672	126,671	126,671
	Ag Svc - Control	202,899	204,169	100,541	253,611	217,733	-	-	223,802	230,726	230,726
	Agricultural Services	890,975	903,045	450,092	1,061,449	1,052,200	-	-	1,072,686	1,101,160	1,101,160

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Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Neonicotinoid Product Phase Out
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Peace Region Agricultural Service Boards are seeking support to stop the phase out of the use of Thiamethoxan and Clothianidin over the next three to five years. The goal of the Peace Region Agricultural Service Boards is to hold a Chair's meeting to discuss Neonicotinoid Product Phase Out and have all the Board's sign the letter in support. The letter is attached.

BACKGROUND:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Neonicotinoid Product Phase Out Appeal letter
- Neonicotinoid table

OPTIONS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board support the Peace Region Agricultural Service Boards Neonicotinoid Product phase out letter and authorize Chair Harcourt to attend the Chair's meeting that is being arranged for late October or early November.

Initials show support - Reviewed by:	Manager: <i>asj</i>	AF: <i>GC</i>
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October 14th, 2018

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Health Canada
2720 Riverside Drive
Ottawa, Ontario
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K1A 0K9

Mr. Richard Aucoin,

RE: Neonicotinoid Product Phase Out

On August 15th, the PMRA released the Proposed Decisions PSRD2018-02 and PSRD2018-01 to public consultation. The decisions propose to phase out the use of Thiamethoxan and Clothianidin over the next three to five years.

Agricultural Producers in Alberta are deeply concerned by this development, as are we, the Agricultural Service Boards of the Peace Region.

The current practice of seed treatment for the control of insects damaging to canola crops has reduced the overall use of insecticide drastically. By its own admission, PMRA did not do a comparative analysis between this production tool and the foliar applied alternatives producers will need to re-incorporate into production. Secondly, by limiting producers to one seed treatment option, chemical rotation opportunities to avoid selection pressure are no longer possible. By removing any choice; resistance/tolerance is assured and given the cost of bringing new products to market, and the likelihood that issues will be also be identified with those products, crop protection companies will be forced to capitalize on their products as quickly as they can, increasing costs to producers. Imidacloprid (phase out started in 2016) was the only registered seed treatment for Pea Leaf Weevil control. Like with the loss of the canola seed treatment neonics, banning of Imidacloprid will force Pea producers to resort to foliar insecticides even though agronomically this is not generally considered a viable alternative. The banning of these three seed treatments will lead to more broad-spectrum foliar insecticides being applied.

Environmentally, the use of more toxic, broad-spectrum products will kill more beneficial species, requiring more spraying as pest populations increase. Costs to producers and therefore consumers increase and selection pressure on the few remaining seed treatments will likely lead to again, more foliar less pest-targeted product use. Foliar

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insecticides pose a greater risk to all insects in the environment as well as the producer. Neonicotinoids allow farmers to target the pest specifically, thus releasing less insecticide cumulatively, lessening the impact to beneficial insects throughout the field.

Of the available insecticide controls, neonicotinoids have the comparable to lesser toxicity levels. While aquatic environment concerns can be appreciated, substituting a low dose, comparable or less toxic product with high dose and higher toxicity values foliar insecticides would be counterproductive and counterintuitive to the main objective, protecting the environment. We respectfully ask that this decision be reassessed.

Sincerely,

Corey Beck, Peace Region ASB Chair, County of Grande Prairie ASB Chair, Provincial ASB Committee Chair

Doug Meneice, Big Lakes County ASB Chair

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Insecticide products for control of flea beetles							
Product	Chemical		Active ingredient	Preharvest Interval	Application	LD50	PMRA Review
	Group Name	Group #					
Seed Treatments							
Helix; Helix Xtra	Neonicotinoids	4A	thiamethoxam	Seed treatment	Seed treatment	>5000	Proposed phase out 2018-2023
Gaucho Canola System;	Neonicotinoids	4A	imidacloprid	Seed treatment	Seed treatment	450	2016- proposed phase out
Lumiderm	Diamide	28	Cyantraniliprole	Seed treatment	Seed treatment	>5000	Approved in 2013- no review yet
Prosper	Neonicotinoids	4A	clothianidin	Seed treatment	Seed treatment	>5000	Proposed Phase out 2018-2023
Foliar sprays							
Decis	Pyrethroids	3A	deltamethrin	7	Aerial or ground	395	2018
Ripcord; UP-Cycle	Pyrethroids	3A	cypermethrin	30	Aerial or ground (ripcord ground only)	242-542	2018
Matador; Silencer	Pyrethroid	3A	lambda-cyhalothrin	7	Aerial or ground	64-110	2017- registration cancelled
Pounce; Ambush	Pyrethroid	3A	permethrin	Only before 6-leaf stage	Aerial or ground	1276	2017- canola registration continued
Sevin XLR	Carbamates	1A	Carbaryl	Seedling application only	Aerial or ground	649	2017
Furadan	Carbamates	1A	carbofuran	60	Aerial or ground	7.34	Phased out 2009
Malathion	Organophosphates	1B	malathion	7	Aerial or ground	4302-5500	2012

1 LD50 values represent the relative toxicity of pesticide. They represent the dose (in mg/kg body weight) that will kill 50% of the test animals. Thus the lower the number the greater the toxicity. Values given are for oral LD50.¹

■ Cancelled Registration

■ Proposed Product Phase Out

¹ Adapted from "Canola Council of Canada." Canola Encyclopedia, Canola Council of Canada, www.canolacouncil.org/canola-encyclopedia/insects/flea-beetles/.

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Meeting Date:	October 15, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Agricultural Service Board Program Review
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with a letter from Doug Macaulay, ASB Program Manager, requesting the Board's input and participation in the programs review.

BACKGROUND:

The Board can provide input by face-to-face facilitated sessions for ASB members in February-March, 2019. Their goal is to have two Board members to participate in their regional sessions. Locations, dates and times for these sessions will be set later in the fall of 2018.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Agricultural Service Board Program review letter

OPTIONS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the Agricultural Service Board Program Review and authorize the attendance of ___ to attend the upcoming session.

Initials show support - Reviewed by:	Manager: <i>ABJ</i>	AF: <i>GC</i>
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October 1, 2018

Dear ASB Members and Agricultural Fieldmen

Subject: Agricultural Service Board Program Review

Agriculture and Forestry (AF) is beginning a review of the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Program, beginning in the fall of 2018. The goal of the review is to verify previously identified issues, identify any new issues, and identify potential solutions to improve the effectiveness and impact of the ASB grant program.

Your input and participation in this program review is important to help us assess and improve the program. You can provide input in the following ways.

1. An on-line survey will be sent to all agricultural fieldmen in the fall of 2018, to be completed before December 15, 2018.
2. Face-to-face facilitated sessions for ASB members across all five ASB regions (i.e. Southern, Northwest, Peace, North East, and Central) will take place in February-March, 2019. We are hoping each ASB from each of the five regions will be able to provide two board members to participate in their respective regional sessions. Physical location addresses, dates, and times for these sessions will be set later in the fall of 2018.

When the review and recommendations are completed by the ASB Program Steering committee will review the results and produce a report with recommendation to send to AF's Deputy Minister for decision. The ASB Program Steering Committee will consist of one representative member of ASB Provincial Committee, one representative member of Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen, and AF staff.

AF has not completed a full ASB program review since 2005. A partial ASB program review, initiated by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in 2010, resulted in the ASB Grant merging with the Alberta Environmental Sustainable Agriculture Grant with the following outcomes:

1. Targeted prevention and control of agricultural diseases, pests, weeds, and delivery of soil conservation programs as outlined in the *Agricultural Service Board Act*.
2. Effective agricultural policies and plans that address the specific needs and issues of each municipality.
3. Enhanced awareness, understanding, and implementation of agricultural best practices and programs for the responsible stewardship of land, air, water and biodiversity.
4. Strong collaborative relationships between AF, municipalities, agencies and other agricultural stakeholders to achieve shared goals.

AF enjoys an exceptional partnership with ASBs, who have been key player in achieving these expanded outcomes over the last eight years. We are look forward to your full participation in the 2018-19 ASB program review as we continue to grow our strong working partnership.

If you have any questions regarding the review please contact me at doug.macaulay@gov.ab.ca or 780-908-4878.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Macaulay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Doug Macaulay
ASB Program Manager

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2018
Originated By:	Audrey Bjorklund, Community Development Manager
Title:	VSI PROGRAM
File:	63-10-40

DESCRIPTION:

Annually the Board reviews the Veterinary Services Inc. (VSI) Program. Any proposed changes are then forwarded to the VSI administrator for consideration at the VSI Annual General Meeting that is held each November.

BACKGROUND:

The next annual general meeting is November 9, 2018 at the Peace River Legion. Councillor Janzen, as Council rep, is the designated County representative that attends the VSI meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:

- VSI agreement
- Annual General Meeting letter
- Clear Hills County Schedules A& B
- November 3, 2017 Annual General Meeting Agenda
- November 3, 2017 Annual General Meeting minutes
- VSI Manager's Report 2017

OPTIONS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board...

Initials show support - Reviewed by:	Manager:	<i>ABj</i>	AF:
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This agreement made effective as of January 1, 2018.

Between

V.S.I. SERVICES (1980) LTD.

A body corporate under the laws of the Province of Alberta (hereinafter called "V.S.I.")

and

Clear Hills County in the Province of Alberta, representing the district ratepayers (hereinafter called the "Municipal Jurisdiction").

Whereas the parties hereto are parties to an agreement in writing dated January 1, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "agreement"); and

Whereas the agreement, by its terms, is deemed to terminate on December 31, 2017; and

Whereas the parties hereto desire to continue the agreement in full force and effect for the period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

Now therefore this agreement witnesses that in consideration of the premises and the covenants hereafter contained:

1. The agreement shall be deemed to continue in full force and effect for the period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 and all references to any date or dates in the agreement and the term of its termination shall be amended accordingly.
2. Schedule "A" **50/50** and Schedule "B" to the agreement shall be dated effective January 1, 2018.
3. The Municipal Jurisdiction agrees to provide V.S.I. with the funds necessary to implement, administer and carry out the Veterinary Health Program until this agreement is terminated. The Municipal Jurisdiction agrees to advance the sum of

FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND (\$54,000.00) DOLLARS

to establish the Veterinary Health Program in the Jurisdiction for the 2018 calendar year.

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The parties agree to observe and perform all other terms, covenants, conditions and provisions on the part of each of them respectively contained in the agreement subject only to the amendments contained herein.

V.S.I. SERVICES (1980) LTD.

Per


Rik Vandekerkhove

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:


Witness


Clear Hills County

October 1, 2018

Mr. Allan Rowe, CAO

Clear Hills County

PO Box 240, Worsley, AB T0H 3W0

Dear Allan,

This email is to inform you of the upcoming **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd. It will be held on **Friday November 9, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.** in the **Peace River Legion – 10103-101 St, Peace River**

At the same time, I would like you to confirm your representative, and possibly an alternate, to attend this meeting on your behalf. Currently I have Mr. Brian Harcourt as your representative.

After receiving confirmation, I will mail your representative and yourself the required documents to allow full participation in the AGM meeting.

Sincerely,

Rik Vandekerkhove DVM

Manager

cc. Greg Coon

Sarah Hayward

V.S.I. Services (1980) LTD.
Schedule "A" 50/50- Effective Jan 1 2018

CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

Until this Tariff is amended, and subject to the terms and conditions of the year 2018 contract, VSI Services (1980) Ltd. will pay the listed VSI fee charged by the veterinarian for the services stated herein. All other charges levied in association with the service(s) being claimed must be shown on the invoice.

Note: Unless otherwise noted all flat rate and hourly fees are fully inclusive which means the fee includes local anaesthetic procedures (including the drugs), surgical packs, suture materials, stitch removal and all drug administration procedures.

CATTLE

A. Ancillary (add-on) Services

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Clinic Outpatient Fee	9	43.70	21.85	21.85

Note: This fee can only be claimed in conjunction with another valid VSI claim. It can only be charged once per occurrence. It is not a per animal fee.

Epidural	1	34.00	17.00	17.00
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Note: Epidurals can only be claimed in conjunction with dystocias (code 31), embryotomies (code 44 & 45) & prolapse revisits under code 52.

Intramuscular or Subcutaneous Injections	3	6.10	3.05	3.05
Intravenous Injections	4	12.20	6.10	6.10
Stall Fee (calves - per 24 hr.)	10	31.50	15.75	15.75
Stall Fee (older animals -per day)	11	47.80	23.90	23.90
Oral Drug Administration	5	34.00	17.00	17.00
Subconjunctival injection	7	12.20	6.10	6.10

Note: Codes 3, 4, 5 & 7 can only be claimed once per animal and only in conjunction with a code 26, 27, 50, 51, or 52 claim.

X-ray (2 views)	2	139.70	69.85	69.85
X-ray (subsequent views - each)	21	29.00	14.50	14.50
X-ray – Digital Equipment Surcharge	8	39.10	19.55	19.55

Note: Please be judicious in taking x-rays in situations where the x-ray won't add to the diagnosis or alter the course of treatment (e.g. most cases of broken legs in calves).

B. Flat Rate Inclusive Surgical Procedures

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Abscesses	28	179.80	89.90	89.90
Claw Amputation	17	257.60	128.80	128.80
Epididymectomy	20	276.40	138.20	138.20
Eye Enucleation	16	384.60	192.30	192.30
LDA (Left Displaced Abomasum)	22	447.50	223.75	223.75
Omphalitis – Intra-abdominal debridement	35	268.70	134.35	134.35

Note: For superficial procedures with minimal debridement use code 28

RDA (Right Displaced Abomasum)	23	499.40	249.70	249.70
Rumen Fistula	24	180.80	90.40	90.40
Sole Abscess	29	138.70	69.35	69.35
Torsion (abomasal or intestinal – calves < 200#)	14	284.50	142.25	142.25
Umbilical Hernia (eviscerated in newborn calve)	18	284.50	142.25	142.25
Urethrostomy	15	224.50	112.25	112.25
Vasectomy	19	303.30	151.65	151.65

C. Flat Rate Obstetrical and Reproductive Services

Note: Oxytocin and/or uterine boluses are **included** in **all** obstetrical procedures.

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Caesarean Section	41	513.10	256.55	256.55
Dystocia	31	232.70	116.35	116.35
Embryotomy (1 or 2 cuts)	44	347.50	173.75	173.75
Embryotomy (3 or more cuts)	45	410.50	205.25	205.25

Note: Code #1 (epidural) can be added, as appropriate, with codes 31, 44, 45 & 52.

Scrotal Circumference Measurement	65	23.90	11.95	11.95
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Note: This fee **only** applies for **bulls eliminated** from further breeding soundness evaluations.

Semen Test (1 st bull)	60	102.60	51.30	51.30
Semen Test (2 nd to 10 th bull)	61	72.60	36.30	36.30 each
Semen Test (11 th to 50 th bull)	62	66.20	33.10	33.10 each
Semen Test (51 st bull plus)	63	59.90	29.95	29.95 each
Pregnancy Testing (per head)	6	5.20	2.60	2.60 each

Note: A higher fee can be charged for the first animal as per the AB.VMA fee schedule but VSI will only pay the VSI rate for the first animal.

Prolapses				
-Rectal	74	120.90	60.45	60.45
- Uterine	71	229.60	114.80	114.80
-Vaginal	81	157.00	78.50	78.50
-Vaginal & Rectal	84	180.80	90.40	90.40
Uterine Torsion (manual correction)	46	253.50	126.75	126.75

D. Hourly Rates for Surgical & Professional Services

Note: Rates are quoted for **1/4 hour (15 minute) intervals**. – **All of the services in this section are fully inclusive** and an hourly rate can't be used for services for which a flat rate fee has been established.
 Code 12A/12B or 13A/13B claims **CAN'T EXCEED 1 1/2 hours** (parts A & B combined)

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Surgery (major)	12A	90.40	45.20	45.20
Non Surgical Professional time	12B	54.40	27.20	27.20
Surgery (minor)	13A	61.00	30.50	30.50
Non Surgical Professional time	13B	54.40	27.20	27.20

Note: Only the actual surgical time should be claimed under codes 12 & 13. Time required for related services, e.g. examination, surgical preparation, immediate post surgical treatments, etc. should be claimed under codes 12B or 13B.

Professional Services (general)	25	54.40	27.20	27.20
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Note: This fee is used:

- For **herd** health visitations and/or **problems**
- In place of codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 **as specified in section "E"**
- When **more than two postmortems** are conducted
- When a single animal is examined, euthanized then subjected to a postmortem
- Other instances as agreed to or recommended by the VSI Manager

Time claimed for codes 12, 13 & 25 should be consistent with time required by a veterinarian of **average competence**.

E. Flat Rate Non-Surgical Professional Services

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Cast Application (closed reduction)	26	127.00	63.50	63.50
Cast Removal	27	59.90	29.95	29.95
Examination	50	102.60	51.30	51.30
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	70.10	35.05	35.05
Examination (re-visit)	52	70.10	35.05	35.05
Next 24 hr IV hook-up + monitor (NEW)	53	70.10	35.05	35.05
I.V. Hook - up (1 st & 2 nd no monitor)	55	102.60	51.30	51.30

Note: This code includes the examination and is for situations where the animal is not hospitalized for follow-up care.

I.V. Hook - up + 24 hour monitor	56	179.80	89.90	89.90
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Note: Only for calves up to two months old. It includes the exam and professional services for the first 24 hours. Code 53 should be used to cover professional services in subsequent 24 hour periods.

- Services normally covered by codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 will be claimed under code 25 in the following situations:
- a) When more than two (2) claims are made using any combination of codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 or
 - b) When one or more specific flat rate codes are claimed which are equal or greater in value to two (2) code 50 claims

Postmortem - Brain Removal	99	68.10	34.05	34.05
Postmortem - 300 pounds or less	90	107.70	53.85	53.85
Postmortem - 300 to 800 pounds	91	116.80	58.40	58.40
Postmortem - over 800 pounds	92	175.80	87.90	87.90

Note: For more than 2 postmortems at the same time make a single code 25 claim.

Technovit Block - Application of	30	89.90	44.95	44.95
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Note: Materials are included in this service

PIGS

All Services

Note: With the exception of the following pig services are to be billed by the hour under codes 12, 13, or 25, as appropriate:

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Examination	50	102.60	51.30	51.30
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	70.10	35.05	35.05
Examination (re-visit)	52	70.10	35.05	35.05

Note: Codes 3, 4 & 5 can be claimed with codes 50, 51 & 52, as appropriate

Postmortem - 20 pounds or less	93	72.60	36.30	36.30
Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds	94	77.70	38.85	38.85
Postmortem - over 100 pounds	95	95.00	47.50	47.50

Note: For more than 2 postmortems at the same time make a single code 25 claim.

SHEEP & GOATS

All Services

Note: Most sheep and goat services can be billed by the hour under codes 12, 13, or 25, as appropriate, with the exception of the specific flat rate codes in this section:

All of the sheep codes are inclusive with the exception of codes 33, 50, 51 & 52 where the same conditions apply as for cattle.

Oxytocin and/or uterine boluses are included in all obstetrical procedures.

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Caesarean	43	325.60	162.80	162.80
Dystocia	33	144.80	72.40	72.40
Examination	50	102.60	51.30	51.30
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	70.10	35.05	35.05
Examination (re-visit)	52	70.10	35.05	35.05

Note: Codes 3, 4 & 5 can be claimed with codes 26, 27, 50, 51 & 52, as appropriate.

Semen Test (1 st animal)	66	86.90	43.45	43.45
Semen Test (subsequent animals)	67	66.00	33.00	33.00
Postmortem - 20 pounds or less	96	72.60	36.30	36.30
Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds	97	77.70	38.85	38.85
Postmortem - over 100 pounds	98	95.00	47.50	47.50

Note: For more than 2 postmortems at the same time make a single code 25 claim.

Prolapse - Rectal	76	102.60	51.30	51.30
Prolapse - Uterine	73	149.90	74.95	74.95
Prolapse - Vaginal	83	102.60	51.30	51.30

ELK & BISON

All Services

Note: The only services covered for elk & bison are pregnancy tests, semen tests and postmortems. Pregnancy & Semen tests can be charged at the flat rates for cattle or by the hour under code 25

Assuming that the hourly rate will only be used when the flat rate is not adequate you are asked to consider whether the extra amount is justified due to the inherent difficulty in working with these species or whether it is due to poor facilities or inadequate help. If the problem is poor facilities or poor help then the producer should assume 100% of the extra fees.

The following codes apply to postmortems for elk & bison:

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Postmortem - Brain Removal	99	68.10	34.05	34.05
Postmortem - 300 pounds or less	90	107.70	53.85	53.85
Postmortem - 300 to 800 pounds	91	116.80	58.40	58.40
Postmortem - over 800 pounds	92	175.80	87.90	87.90

Note: For more than 2 postmortems at the same time make a single code 25 claim

V.S.I. SERVICES (1980) LTD.

SCHEDULE "B"

Annexed to and forming a part of the agreement dated **effective January 1, 2018**

Following are some of the services not payable by V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd

- a) castrations
- b) dehorning
- c) dockings
- d) spaying heifers
- e) embryo transplants
- f) routine trimming of feet
- g) meat inspection
- h) scrotal hernias - all species
- i) umbilical hernias - all species
- Note:** With the exception of eviscerated hernias in newborn calves
- j) cryptorchid surgery- all species
- k) insurance examinations (including mortality, loss of use exams & reports)
- l) listed herd and dispersal sales
- m) shows & sales
- n) endorsement fees
- o) export testing
- p) parentage sampling
- q) routine vaccinations
- r) all drugs and medicines
- s) all laboratory fees
- t) waiting time
- u) after hours or holiday fees
- v) mileage
- w) services relating to quality assurance programs such as CQA & QSH.
- x) internal fracture fixation procedures
- y) hospitalization for any **service not listed in Schedule "A"**
- z) Services under codes 12A/B & 13A/B over & above 1½ hours
- aa) Exams for non-conventional treatments and those treatments.
(Examples: adjustments, acupuncture etc)

All "Schedule A" services for species not specifically identified on "Schedule A"

Note: All jurisdictions cover "Schedule A" services for the bovine, porcine, caprine and ovine species. Some jurisdictions cover some, or all, "Schedule A" services for alternative livestock species (e.g. elk, bison, deer, etc.). The specific species and services covered will be identified on the "Schedule A" that was approved by that particular jurisdiction.

Any other veterinary services not specifically listed in Schedule "A" as amended from time to time.

AGENDA
V.S.I. MEMBERS MEETING
Friday November 3, 2017
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
10103-101 ST.
PEACE RIVER
10:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Additions to the Agenda
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Minutes of the November 4, 2016 meeting
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
7. Manager's Report
8. VSI Update (Round Table Discussion)
9. Approval of New Members
10. Deletions from Membership list
11. Nominations for Veterinary Directors
12. Other Business
 - a) Review of 2018 fee schedule
 - b) Flushing of wounds, retained placenta's, etc. done during an examination
 - c) Non-conventional treatments like adjustments, acupuncture
 - d) Use of inhalation anesthetic for calf surgery
 - e) Code 25 use with combination of code #56
 - f) Code #10 per day in combination with code #56-#52 per 24hr period
 - g) Items from the floor
13. Adjournment

Minutes
Annual General Meeting
VSI Services (1980) Ltd
November 3, 2017

Attendees

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>
Dale McQueen	Woodlands County #15
Dale Smith	MD of Greenview #16
George L'Heureux	Lac La Biche County #18
Ed Armagost	Saddle Hills County
Brian Harcourt	Clear Hills County #21
Terry Ungarian	County of Northern Lights #22
Walter Sarapuk	Mackenzie County #23
Mike Krywiak	MD of Bonnyville #87
Sandra Melzer	MD of Lesser Slave River #124
David Marx	Big Lakes County
Robert Brochu	MD of Smoky River #130
Audrey Gall	Northern Sunrise County #131
Phil Kolodychuk	MD of Fairview #136
Peggy Johnson	President
Tara Guglich	Mighty Peace Veterinary Clinic (Grimshaw)
Rik Vandekerkhove	VSI Manager

Note:

REGRETS

Gerald Manzulenko	Birch Hills County #19
Stan Bzowy	MD of Spirit River #133
Ken Herlinveaux	MD of Peace #135
Richard McWatt	Fairview Veterinary Clinic

OTHERS

Matt Janz	MD of Bonnyville
Evan Lowe	Fairview Veterinary Clinic
Sebastian Dutrisac	Northern Sunrise County
Sheila Kaus	Big Lakes County
Elaine Armagost	Saddle Hills County

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Peggy Johnson at 10:02 a.m.

2. Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves by name and municipality

3. Additions to Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda at the end of other business.
g) table fee under code #9

4. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Dale Smith that the agenda be adopted

CARRIED

5. Minutes of last AGM – November 4, 2016

No errors or omissions were reported

Moved by Dale Mc Queen that the minutes of the November 4, 2016 Annual General Meeting be approved

CARRIED

6. Business arising from the minutes

There were no items of business arising from the minutes

7. Manager's Report

Dr. Vandekerkhove gave the Manager's Report

Moved by Robert Brochu that the Manager's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

A copy of Dr. Vandekerkhove's report is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

8. VSI Update (Round Table Discussion)

Clear Hills County

Brian Harcourt stated that they would continue with the 50/50 fee schedule for 2017 without a cap. They will also continue with no limits on the number of services that will be covered. They will also continue with their subsidy for B.S.E. Testing.

MD of Lesser Slave River #124

Sandra Melzer indicated that they would continue with a 60/40 level of support. There is an increase of the semen test limit from 7 to 8. (The limit of 200 pregnancy tests stays in place)

Lac La Biche County

George L'Heureux said that they would continue with the same 60/40 level of support.

Northern Sunrise County

Audrey Gall stated they would continue with their 50/50 level of support with no caps.

County of Northern Lights

Terry Ungarian indicated that they will stay with the same 50/50 level of support with no cap and no restrictions.

Mackenzie County

Walter Sarapuk said that they also will continue with the same 50/50 level of support without a cap or restrictions.

Big Lakes County

David Marx stated that he thought they would continue with the 50/50 level of support. He warned that with a foreseeable reduction in county revenue, and both veterinarians and ranchers doing OK, this support may be cut when budget decisions are made.

Saddle Hills County

Ed Armagost indicated that their level of support would stay the same at 50/50 with no cap.

MD of Bonnyville #87

Mike Krywiak said that would likely stay with the 50/50 support level with a 20 bull sementest restriction.

MD of Greenview #16

Dale Smith stated they would continue with the same 50/50 level without restrictions.

Woodlands County

Dale McQueen indicated they would stay with the same 50/50 support level. There is a cap per client of 20 semen tests, as well as 400 pregnancy tests.

MD of Smoky River #130

Robert Brochu said they will continue with the 50/50 level of support. There is currently a \$15,000.00 overall cap, and they will introduce a \$2,500.00 individual client cap.

MD of Fairview #136

Phil Kolodychuk stated they will continue with the 70/30 support level, but perhaps may consider a \$30,000.00 overall cap.

Not able to send a representative to the meeting the following municipalities indicated a continuation of their current level of support.

MD of Peace

Support level stays at 50/50

Birch Hills County

Support level stays at 50/50

MD of Spirit River

Support level stays at 70/30

9. Approval of New Members

The meeting was advised that the following veterinarians have applied for VSI membership:

Dr. Susan Hrycun	Bellis Veterinary Services
Dr. Melanie Koetke	Bonnyville Veterinary Clinic
Dr. Evan Lowe	Fairview Veterinary Clinic

It was moved by Terry Ungarian that Drs. Hrycun, Koetke, & Lowe be approved as V.S.I. members.

CARRIED

10. Deletions from Membership list

The meeting was advised that Drs. Robert Berger, Coby Frey, Laura-Anne Kutryk, Eric Laporte, John Pegg, Steve Radostits, Heather Stephens, Emma Vasjo & Melissa Westling did not sign a 2017 VSI contract thus are no longer eligible to be members of VSI.

Sandra Melzer moved that Drs. Berger, Frey, Kutryk, Laporte, Pegg Radostits, Stephens, Vasjo & Westling be removed from the VSI membership list.

CARRIED

Peggy Johnson reported that as of this date there are fifty-one (51) veterinary members out of the seventy-six (76) that signed a 2017 contract. We are down two (2) veterinarians from 2016 and our membership has also decreased by six (6).

11. Nomination of Veterinary Directors

Dr. Tara Guglich was nominated by Walter Sarapuk

Dr. Evan Lowe was nominated by Brian Harcourt

George Brochu moved that nominations cease.

CARRIED

It was moved by Audrey Gall that the Drs. Guglich & Lowe be recommended for appointment to the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

12. Other Business

a) Fee schedule for 2018 Over the past number of years V.S.I. has supported increasing the fee schedule in the amount recommended by the AB.VMA.

The AB.VMA Food Animal Committee hasn't met yet, so we don't have any idea what fee increase they may or may not recommend. The AB.VMA told Dr. Vandekerkhove that due to the current economic situation their fee increases will be on an item by item basis, no longer applying a general across the board increase. Their meeting will be held begin December. They are willing to share the results as soon as they are known

2018 fee schedule

Options are as follows:

1. Stay with the 2017 fee schedule for 2018 catch-up in 2019
2. Go with a 1.6% increase this year (increased cost of living found) and adjust if necessary next year
3. Hold off till the AbVMA increase is known and adapt our prices where required after consult with executive / board of directors. It would be short notice,

but if AbVMA let us know by Dec 10, contracts could probably still leave by Dec 15, 2017

4. Other options.

Discussion followed

Option 4. It was suggested during the discussion to follow any AbVMA price increases up to a 1.6% increase. Any AbVMA price increases higher than the 1.6% level would be capped at the 1.6% in our fee schedule. Where the AbVMA did not increase their prices, we would follow their actions.

Moved by Robert Brochu that we recommend option 4 to the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

b) flushing of wounds, retained Placenta's, etc. done as part of an examination

Dr. Vandekerkhove brought forward a request to have flushing of wounds, retained placentae etc. compensated under an ancillary code in those instances where it is not already compensated for (Code #28 abscesses, and codes 12,13, and 25)

While we do have codes for injections and oral administration, there is no real code to compensate for the additional time and effort involved in flushing. Also, the AbVMA does not have an additional code for it.

Do we want to add this as an ancillary code on, or have it linked to another code already in use?

Discussion followed

Moved by Mike Krywiak that item would be considered as information only and no action to follow from it.

CARRIED

c) Non-conventional treatments like adjustments, acupuncture etc.

At this time we would compensate non-conventional treatments to an extent under the examination code. There is no mechanism in place to compensate for the treatment itself. Once again there is no code for this under the AbVMA schedule.

Do we continue to compensate this under an examination - or -

Do we provide additional compensation / code for this type of examination and treatment - or -

Do we exclude it under schedule B

Discussion followed

Moved by David Marx that we recommend to the board to list this under Schedule B

CARRIED

d) Use of inhalation anesthetic for calf surgery

Currently our surgical procedures are based on local anesthetic procedures and do include all drug administration procedures. Current medicine may use inhalation anesthetic for calf procedures under flat rate inclusive Surgical Procedures. Should we allow an additional cost for inhalation anesthetic, like the digital equipment surcharge we allow for X-rays?

Discussion followed

Moved by Dale Smith that this item be considered for information only, no action to follow from it.

CARRIED

e) use of code 25 in combinations with a code 56 - 52

A code 56 (IV Hookup + 24-hour monitor) is used for calves up to two months old. It includes the exam and professional services for the first 24 hours. Code 52 should be used to cover professional services in subsequent 24-hour periods

According to our guidelines on Page 2 of the fee guide a code 25 is used in place of codes 50, 51, 52, 55, and 56 as specified in section E

Section E indicates that

Services normally covered by codes 50, 51, 52, 55, & 56 will be claimed under code 25 in the following situations:

- a) When more than two (2) claims are made using any combination of codes 50, 51, 52, 55 & 56 or
- b) When one or more specific flat rate codes are claimed which are equal or greater in value to two (2) code 50 claims

Some confusion may also be created since code 52 is also a code that allows ancillary (add-on) services like code 3, 4, 5, & 7, which we exclude under the 24-hour monitoring principle

Perhaps it may be beneficial to have the code #52 replaced in this instance with a newly created code #53, and remove the code 56 from the Section E combination.

This way 24-hour linked codes are not included, which would make it easier to administrate and perhaps a bit less confusing.

Discussion followed

Walter Sarapuk moved to advise to the board to create a new code #53 to use in combination with code #56, and which would cover the next 24hr period of monitoring and professional services provided. Same fee schedule as code #52 would be applicable. Included in this advice would be the removal of code #56 from the section E requirements for services to use code #25

CARRIED

f) Code #10 in combination with code #56 - #52 (to be #53)

code #10 is a per day fee, whereas the code #56 - #52 covers a 24-hour period. It may be easier, if the two covered a similar time period.

Discussion followed

Moved by Ed Armagost to recommend to the Board of Directors to change the description of Code#10 from per day to per 24 Hrs.

CARRIED

g) Table fee under code #9

This was a last-minute addition by the manager that was not included in the additions to the agenda.

In a previous AGM meeting the decision was made to include the table fee under the code #9, where the AbVMA has this fee as an add -on. Is there an appetite to disconnect the two, or allow a table fee to be charged to the client without invoking section 6 b) of the contract?

Discussion followed

Moved by Robert Brochu to consider this item for information only, with no action to follow from it.

CARRIED

13. Adjournment

Mike Krywiak moved adjournment at 11:38 am.

Managers' Report for 2017 AGM

The following table compares the differences in services & costs for the top 10 codes for the periods Oct 1/15 to Sept 30/16 and Oct 1/16 to Sept 30/17

Notes: Items are listed from highest to lowest total costs for 2015/2016.

Most pregnancy testing is done in the fall thus for this service we are basically comparing 2015 with 2016.

Code	Description	15/16 Services	16/17 Services	% Change	15/16 Cost	16/17 Cost	% Change
6	Pregnancy Tests	58,598	58,401	-0.34%	144,461	148,883	3.1%
60	Semen Tests	3,481	3,738	7.38%	130,009	140,148	7.8%
41	Caesareans	245	322	31.43%	64,414	82,200	27.6%
25	Herd Health	144	152	5.56%	26,097	26,424	1.3%
50	Gen. Examinations	541	489	-9.61%	25,545	24,363	-4.6%
9	Clinic Fees	1,087	1,123	3.31%	22,037	23,162	5.1%
31	Calvings	152	143	-5.92%	17,115	16,908	-1.2%
56	Fluid Therapy-calves	147	218	48.30%	12,658	18,326	44.8%
71	Uterine Prolapse	75	97	29.33%	8,420	11,179	32.8%
81	Vaginal Prolapses	48	47	-2.08%	3,579	3,731	4.2%
	Other Services	1,473	1,389	-5.70%	64,108	71,611	11.7%
	Grand Totals	65,991	66,119	0.19%	518,443	566,935	9.4%

Between the two 12 month periods under comparison:

- a) Total claims were up 3.4% (5668 vs 5,482)
- b) Total services were up 0.2% (66,119 vs 65,991)
- c) Total costs were up 9.4% (518,443 vs 484,778)

Percentage changes for the first 3 quarters are as follows:

Woodlands County	down	-8.27%
M. D of Greenview	up	18%
Lac La Biche County	up	7%
Birch Hills County	up	42%
Saddle Hills County	up	20%
Clear Hills County	down	-1%
County of Northern Lights	up	9%
Mackenzie County	up	20%
M. D. of Bonnyville	up	14%
M. D. of Lesser Slave River	up	5%
M. D. of Big Lakes	up	2%
M. D. of Smoky River	up	21%
Northern Sunrise County	down	-10%
M. D. of Spirit River	down	-5%
M. D. of Peace	up	56%
M. D. of Fairview	up	49%
VSI total	up	13%

P2 Manager's Report for 2016 AGM

We were not advised in time for the AGM about what increase, if any, the Food Animal Committee (FAC) of the Alberta Veterinary Association will be recommending for 2018. Their decision will be made early December and will be item based, not general increase.

All of our Surplus funds were invested with Manulife Bank. A total of \$ \$1,961.98 in interest has been paid to the end of September.

Our cost for the tax return and the statement was higher than last year at \$1,312.50.

Veterinary claims were usually mailed on the next business day following the end of each month. A few late submissions were processed during the month following. Two cheques were late being mailed out. Quarterly reports were issued to municipalities contact persons within 5 to 6 weeks of the end of each quarter.

It has been an interesting year. I have not been able to improve on Jim's system as much as I had wanted. I have purchased a Quickbook format, and the hope is to change over to that format for the coming year. This fall quarter will be used to hopefully set it up so it is fully functional by February 2018

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Biggest Vegetable Contest
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with feedback and results from the 1st Annual Biggest Vegetable Contest.

BACKGROUND:

Administration had weight in stations help across the County from September 24-28, 2018.

- September 24th – Bear Canyon – 2 people
- September 25th – Cleardale – 4 people
- September 26th – David Thompson Hall – 0 people
- September 27th – Hines Creek – 3 people
- September 28th – Worsley – 3 people

Total number of entries throughout the week: 31 Adult entries
8 kids entries

	Adult	Category		Kids	Category
1st	Doug Richardson	Beets	1st	Anthony Bjorklund	Carrots
1st	Doug Richardson	Carrots	1st	Shane Kamphuis	Potatoes
1st	Kathy Berg	Potaotes	1st	Alex Ross	Pumpkins
1st	Jeanie Lawrences	Pumpkins	1st	Anthony Bjorklund	Tomatoes
1st	Harvey Edmunds	Squash	1st	Anthony Bjorklund	Turnips
1st	Doug Richardson	Tomatoes	1st		Unique
1st	Doug Richardson	Turnips			
1st	Eva Fehr	Unique			
	Total \$: \$400.00			Total: \$250.00	Grand Total: \$650.00

Suggestions:

- Adding Onions and Corn
- Splitting Squash category into Zucchini & Other Squash

ATTACHMENTS:

- Policy 6317

OPTIONS:

1. Recommend Council amend Policy 6317 with adding Onions and Corn as a category and splitting Squash category into Zucchini and Other Squash
2. Accept for information.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board...

Initials show support - Reviewed by:	Manager: <i>ABj</i>	AF: <i>AC</i>
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Clear Hills County

Effective Date: **December 12, 2017**

Policy Number **6317**

Title: **BIGGEST VEGETABLE CONTEST**

1. POLICY STATEMENT

- 1.1. Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board will host an annual Biggest Vegetable Contest.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. Vegetable: A plant or part of a plant used as food.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 3.1. Annually Council will include funds in the Operating Budget for the cash prizes for this contest.

4. GENERAL

- 4.1. Annually funds will be included in the Operating Budget for the Biggest Vegetable Contest cash prizes.
- 4.2. Eligible contestants will live in Clear Hills County or the Village of Hines Creek.
- 4.3. The Contest will have eight vegetable categories:
 - Beets
 - Carrots
 - Potatoes
 - Pumpkins
 - Squash
 - Tomatoes
 - Turnips
 - Most Unique
- 4.4. The Biggest Vegetable Contest will have two entry groups:
 - Adults: 13 and over
 - Kids: 12 and under
- 4.5. Prizes will be \$50.00 (fifty dollars) for first place in each of the eight vegetable categories for each entry group (Adults & Kids)
- 4.6. The Biggest Vegetable Contest will be held annually and weighing stations will be set up at each of the following locations over a one week period in September. Photos will be taken of each contestant and their entries.
 - Bear Canyon
 - Cleardale
 - David Thompson
 - Hines Creek
 - Worsley
- 4.7. Winners will be announced at the end of the contest, and the pictures of winners with their entries will be published in the October County newsletter and the following April at the Agricultural Trade Show.

5. END OF POLICY

ADOPTED Resolution: C639-17

December 12, 2017

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

Clear Hills County is hosting the Peace Region Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference at the David Thompson Hall on October 30, 2018.

BACKGROUND:

- Registration deadline for the conference is October 16, 2018.
- Only two appointed Agricultural Service Board members can vote on resolutions at the regional conference.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Peace Region Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference Agenda
- Peace Region Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference minutes from October 25, 2017
- Peace Region Regional Agricultural Service Board Resolutions Rules of Procedure
- Peace Region Regional Agricultural Service Board Resolutions
- 2018 Report Card on the Resolutions Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee

OPTIONS:

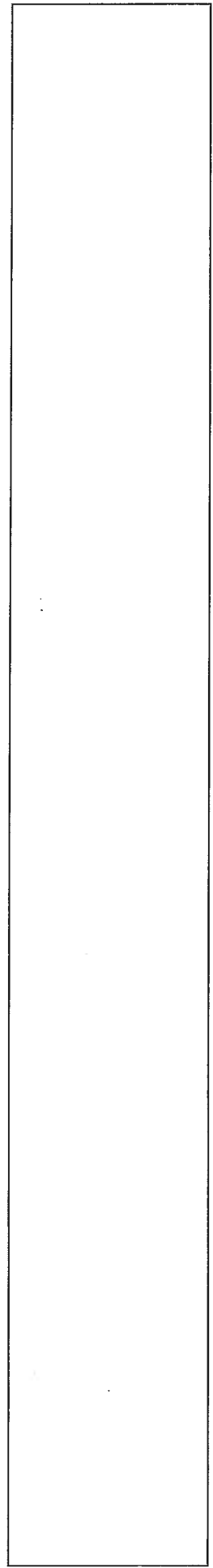
RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by... that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of all members to attend the Peace Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference on October 30, 2018 at the David Thompson Hall.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>ABJ</i> AgFieldman:
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2018 Peace Region Agricultural Service Board Regional Conference
October 30, 2018
David Thompson Hall, AB

Proposed Time	Event	Potential Speakers
9:00 - 9:30 am	Registration	
9:30 - 9:35 am	Opening remarks	Clear Hills County, A.S.B. Rep.
9:35 - 11:00 am	Agriculture and Forestry Updates	Doug Macaulay, Toso Bozic, David Feindel
11:00 - 11:15 am	Coffee Break	Compliments of our sponsors
11:15 - 12:00 pm	Farm Energy and On Farm Solar Programs Update	Amber Kenyon
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch	Compliments of our sponsors
1:00 - 1:45 pm	CAP Update	Mike Hittinger
1:45 - 2:15 pm	Federal Policy Changes re: Antimicrobial Prescription Drugs	Dr. Keith Lehman, Chief Prov. Veterinarian
2:15 - 3:00 pm	Peace Country Beef and Forage Updates	Liisa Vihvelin, Katie McLachlan, Akim Omokanye
3:00 - 3:15 pm	Coffee Break	Compliments of our sponsors
3:15 - 4:45 pm	Resolution session 1. Election of ASB Regional Rep 2. Updates from ASB Provincial Committee 3. Review Rules of Procedure 4. Call for amendments to Rules 5. Motion to accept Emergent resolutions (if any) 6. Motion to accept order of resolutions Resolutions session	Doug Macaulay, AF Corey Beck, 2018 Regional ASB Representative
4:45 pm	Invitation to 2019 Regional ASB Conference	A.S.B. Chairman, Northern Sunrise County
4:50 pm	Adjournment	Clear Hills County A.S.B. Chairman



**Minutes of the Peace Region A.S.B. Conference
Resolutions Session
held at the
Dunvegan Motor Inn, Fairview, AB
October 25th, 2017**

Present:

ALBERTA AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY	MACAULAY, Doug	ASB Program Manager
	RETZLOFF, Pam	ASB Program Coordinator
PEACE COUNTRY BEEF AND FORAGE ASSOCIATION	BRENNAN, David	Pest Surveillance
	BOZIC, Toso	Woodlot Extension Specialist
	HITTINGER, Mike	Growing Forward Extension Specialist
	NORRIS, Adam	Watershed Alliance Coordinator
	OMAKANYE, Akim	Research Coordinator
	SREEKUMAR, Lekshmi	Research Technician
	JAMBROSIC, Evelynna SHAW, Carly	EDO Speaker
BIRCH HILLS COUNTY	MANZULENKO, Gerald	Deputy Reeve
	GIES, Amelia	Acting Ag Fieldman
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY	HARCOURT, Brian	Ag Fieldman
	ROSS, MacKay	
	CANDY, Garry	
	RUECKER, Baldur	
	WATCHORN, Julie	
	COON, Greg JANZEN, David	
COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE	BECK, Corey	Councillor
	SUTHERLAND, Ross	Deputy Reeve
	BEAUPRE, Leanne	Reeve
	BULFORD, Harold	Councillor
	MARSHALL, Bob	Councillor
	HARRIS, Peter	Councillor
	ROSVOLD, Karen	Councillor
	WADDY, Linda	Councillor

	RAVEN, Sonja KENNY, Marney	Ag Fieldman Assistant Ag Fieldman
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS	GAUGLER, Blake HALABISKY, Linda	Ag Fieldman Councillor
MACKENZIE COUNTY	KNELSEN, Josh DREIGER, Dicky BATT, Terry SMITH, Grant	ASB Chair Council Rep Member Ag Fieldman
MD OF BIG LAKES	MENEICE, Doug KAUS, Sheila MATULA, Ron NICHOLS, Duane	ASB Chair Ag Fieldman
MD OF FAIRVIEW #136	MCLACHLAN, Allan MOSKALYK, Kent SAWCHUK, Fred KRAMER, Kelsie WIEBEN, Bev	Member Member Ag Fieldman Member Member
MD OF GREENVIEW	SMITH, Dale BERRY, Dave BROCHU, Richard PERKINS, Allan KING, Kristen	Councillor Assistant Ag Fieldman Member ASB Chairman Supervisor Trainee
MD OF PEACE #135	REYDA, Janice KEILLOR, Rick IQBAL, Nasar EASTMAN, Sandra	Member Member Manager of Ag Services Member
MD OF SMOKY RIVER #130	JOHNSON, Raoul DUMONT, Donald TRUDEAU, Andre BOULET, Normand GOSSELIN, Donald	Member V. Chairman Member Ag Fieldman Member
MD OF SPIRIT RIVER #133	NOOY, Riley GARROW, Elaine	Ag Fieldman Member

NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY	WILLIAMS, Corinna	Councillor
	SOUCY, Stephanie	Assistant Ag Fieldman
	DUTRISAC, Sebastien	Ag Fieldman
	KRAWCHUK, Harry	Member
	BOISVERT, Dan	Councillor/Board Member
	GALL, Audrey	Councillor
	KOLEBABA, Carolyn	Councillor/Board Member
	LAVOIE, Simon	Member
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY	ARMAGOST, Elaine	Manager of Rural Development
	NICHOLSON, Dessa	Ag Fieldman

Corey Beck, the Chairman of the Regional Resolutions Committee and the Peace Region A.S.B. Committee Representative from County of Grande Prairie opened the session at 2:56 pm.

The delegates were informed that Pam Retzloff, (Alberta Ag and Forestry), and Randi Kuriga, (M.D. of Fairview Weed Technician), would act as secretaries for the resolution committee.

Corey updated the delegates on the past year's activities of the Provincial A.S.B. Committee, highlights were:

- Implications of new Federal tax process
- Maureen Vadnais position with the Provincial Committee – great resource on advocating for ASB's.
- Update on meeting with the Ag Minister
- Update on trying to get meetings with other Provincial Ministers
- Update of Wild Boar Eradication Program
- Update on Zebra Mussel inspections noting that inspections are taking place.
- Updates on Bill 6
- Discussed Report Card and grading of responses to resolutions
- Spoke on Clubroot in the Peace Region and steps to take

3:10 pm – Election of an ASB Provincial Committee Member

- Toso Bozic, (AAF representative), called for nominations for the ASB Provincial Committee representative. Karen Rosvold from Grande Prairie nominated Corey Beck. Linda Halabisky moved nominations cease. Corey Beck was elected by acclamation.
- Toso called for nominations for an alternate on the Provincial Committee. Linda Halabisky nominated Gerald Manzulenko and he declined. Brian Harcourt nominated Mackay Ross and

Karen Rosvold nominated Dale Smith. Bob Marshall moved to cease nominations. After the vote, Dale Smith was voted the Provincial Committee alternate.

The minutes of the November 9th Peace Region A.S.B. Conference and Resolutions session were reviewed.

Corey Beck reviewed the Regional A.S.B. Rules of Procedure and asked if there were any amendments to the Rules. There were no changes made.

A motion was made to accept a late resolution by Dale Smith and seconded by Doug Meneice. Dale spoke to the reason this was a late resolution and the attendees voted to accept the late resolution.

Bob Marshall moved to accept the order of Resolutions and Peter Harris seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 1 – REQUIREMENT TO REPORT CERTAIN PESTS TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Alberta Agricultural Service Boards request Alberta Agriculture and Forestry amend the *Agricultural Pest Act* and applicable Regulations to require all persons to report any instances of Norway rat, Wild Boar when at large as well as Clubroot to the local authority.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Alberta's Agricultural Service Boards request Alberta Agriculture and Forestry amend the *Agricultural Pests Act* and applicable Regulations making it an offence to not report the aforementioned specific pests to the local authority.

Don Dumont had asked to remove the words "and other regulated pests" in one of the "whereas" areas so it didn't affect the intent of the resolution and that was accepted.

Moved by Donald Dumont from M.D. of Smoky River, seconded by Andre Trudeau from M.D. of Smoky River.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2 – APPEALS TO THE MINISTER UNDER THE WEED CONTROL ACT AND AGRICULTURAL PEST ACT

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Alberta's Agricultural Service Boards request Alberta Agriculture and Forestry amend the *Weed Control Act* and the *Agricultural Pests Act* and applicable Regulations to give the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry 30 days to hear and determine appeals.

Sebastian Dutrisac, Agricultural Fieldman with Northern Sunrise County was allowed to speak about the request due to his experiences dealing with Ministerial appeals.

Moved by Simon Levoie and seconded by Donald Dumont.

CARRIED

**Resolution No. 3 – Emergent Resolution – WILDLIFE PREDATOR COMPENSATION PROGRAM
ENHANCEMENT**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Alberta’s Agricultural Service Boards request that the Minister of Environment and Park’s, Justice and Solicitor General, and all other relevant government ministries implement an enhanced Predator Compensation Program that will utilize Municipal Problem Wildlife staff to assist in the confirmation of livestock loss, both livestock death and livestock injury in a timely manner.

A friendly amendment was made by taking out the word “will” and replacing it with “that could be utilized” by Municipal.....

Simon Levoie moved to accept the amendment and Doug Meneice seconded the motion.

CARRIED

The resolution was then accepted and moved by Dale Smith and seconded by Alan Perkins.

CARRIED

3:50 PM – Brian Harcourt, ASB Chairman with Clear Hills County had given an invitation to the 2018 Regional ASB Conference they are hosting. Date and place was yet to be determined.

3:52 pm – Bev Wieben, ASB Chairman for the M.D. of Fairview adjourned the meeting.

Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference Resolutions Rules of Procedure

1. Regional Resolution Committee

- a. Shall consist of:
 - i. A representative or alternate elected at the Regional Conference to sit on the Provincial ASB Committee and to act as the Chairman of the Regional Resolutions Committee.
 - ii. The Agricultural Fieldman or their designate who must be an Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen (AAAF) member from the hosting Agricultural Service Board as Secretary.
 - iii. The Regional Director of AAAF.
 - iv. An Agricultural Service Board member from the hosting Board selected by that Board.
 - v. The ASB Grant Program Manager representing Agriculture and Forestry (AF) or their designate.
- b. The representative and alternate elected at the Regional Conference to sit on the Provincial ASB Committee shall be an elected or appointed member of an ASB in that region.
- c. Election of the representative and alternate shall take place at the beginning of the Resolution session in alternate years at each ASB Regional Conference, term of office to be two years. The representative (or alternate) shall assume the chair immediately following the conclusion of the resolutions session.

2. Responsibilities of Regional Resolution Committee Members

- a. The Chairman shall:
 - i. Chair Regional Resolutions Committee meetings
 - ii. Chair the presentation of Resolutions at the Regional Conference
 - iii. Attend all Provincial ASB Committee meetings
 - iv. Assist in presenting Resolutions at the Provincial Conference
- b. The Secretary shall:
 - i. Advise Agricultural Service Boards that Resolutions must be forwarded four weeks prior to the Regional Conference
 - ii. In conjunction with the Regional Resolutions Committee, review, seek clarification if necessary, compile, and distribute resolutions to Agricultural Service Boards in the Region, at least one week prior to the Regional Conference
 - iii. Record proceedings of Regional Resolutions Committee meetings, and the presentation and voting on resolutions at the Regional Conference
 - iv. Forward all approved resolutions to the Provincial ASB Committee Secretary.
- c. All other members shall:
 - i. Assist with presentation of resolutions at the Regional Conference
- d. All costs incurred by the members of the committee for attending meetings will be reimbursed by each individual member's employer.

3. Resolutions

- a. Resolutions shall be submitted in an approved format and shall follow the procedures for selecting, preparing and drafting resolutions as set out in Appendix "A" attached to this document.
- b. Resolutions, regional or provincial in scope, and having been passed by a majority at a local Agricultural Service Board meeting shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Regional Resolutions Committee four weeks prior to the Regional Conference.
- c. Late resolutions must be either:
 - i. Submitted to the Regional Conference with sufficient copies for all voting delegates and attendants (approximately 125); or
 - ii. Be displayed in a manner that all persons are able to review the resolutions, for example, projected on a screen for all to read.
- d. Late resolutions must be accepted by a simple majority of the assembly.

4. Procedures

- a. Resolutions submitted to the Regional Conference shall be handled in the numerical order assigned by the Chairman unless 3/5 of the voting delegates on the floor agree to accept a resolution out of numerical order.
- b. Each resolution must have a Mover and a Secunder.
- c. Only the "Therefore Be It Resolved" section will be read.
- d. The Chairman shall call on the Mover and Secunder to speak to the resolution and then immediately call for anyone wishing to speak in opposition.
 - i. If there is no one to speak in opposition, the question shall be called
 - ii. If there are speakers in opposition, the Chairman shall at his discretion call for anyone other than the Mover or Secunder to speak to the resolution before the debate is closed
- e. Anyone wishing to amend a resolution must then speak to the resolutions as written, or anyone wishing clarification must speak up. All amendments must have a Mover and Secunder.
- f. Only one amendment will be accepted at a time and only one amendment to the amendment will be accepted on any resolution.
- g. The Chairman has the discretion to request a written amendment.
- h. The Mover and Secunder are allowed five minutes in total to speak to the resolution or amendment. The Secunder may waive his right to speak and the Mover would be allowed the full five minutes.
- i. The Mover and Secunder have the right to close the debate and a maximum of two minutes each will be allowed for this.
- j. All other speakers, for or against the resolution, are allowed a maximum of two minutes.

5. Voting and Speaking

- a. Voting members of Agricultural Service Boards/Agricultural Committees shall be recognized voters on any resolution.
 - i. In the South Region, each ASB shall select two voting delegates to the Regional Conference who shall display the voting credentials and be recognized voters on any resolution (October 1997).
 - ii. In the Peace Region, each ASB shall select two voting delegates to the Regional Conference who shall display voting credentials and be recognized

voters on any resolution (ratified by ASB Provincial Committee November 2016).

- b. An Agricultural Service Board member may have any person speak to a resolution by their request.
- c. All resolutions are passed or defeated by simple majority.

6. Procedures for Approved Resolutions

- a. Secretaries of the Regional Resolutions Committee shall:
 - i. Submit Regional Resolutions to the appropriate agencies as soon as possible following the Regional Conference.
 - ii. Regional Resolutions shall also be submitted to the Provincial ASB Committee for information.
- b. Submit Provincial Resolutions to the Provincial ASB Committee Secretary within five working days of the Regional Conference.

7. Amendments to the Regional Rules of Procedure

- a. An amendment to Regional Rules of Procedure may be initiated by simple motion from:
 - i. The Provincial ASB Committee
 - ii. Any Voting Delegate at the Provincial ASB Conference
 - iii. The Regional Resolutions Committee if the proposed amendment were to affect only that Regional, subject to ratification by the Provincial ASB Committee
 - iv. Any Voting Delegate at a Regional Conference if the proposed amendment were to affect only that region, subject to ratification by the Provincial ASB Committee.
- b. Amendments must be accepted by a simple majority of all voting delegates at the Provincial ASB Conference.
- c. Amendments that are carried will take effect at the next Regional Conference.

REGIONAL PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING, PREPARING AND WRITING RESOLUTIONS

1. Well in advance of the regional conference, discuss as a board the concerns of your farmers. Determine the factors affecting their economic well-being as well as those limiting their capability to maintain or improve agricultural production.
2. Make a list of concerns and rate each as to its level of importance.
3. Divide your concerns into the following categories:
 - a. Local Concerns
 - i. Concerns that are local in nature.
 - ii. Your board has the authority and capability to deal with these concerns. If local or provincial finances are available you may wish to initiate programs or projects or policy to satisfy these concerns.
 - b. Regional Concerns
 - i. Concerns that are regional in nature.
 - ii. You have the authority and capability to deal with these concerns but wish to request the support (cooperative action) of bordering Agricultural Service Boards, government departments or other agencies. Note: These concerns may be taken to the regional conference with a request for action at the regional level. e.g. You may be concerned about scentless chamomile, its movement and spread in hay, crop seed in the region, etc. You would like the support of all boards in the region as well as government agencies in slowing down spread and in working towards common objectives. If such a resolution was passed at the regional conference, your regional resolutions would forward the request for support to all boards in the region plus the appropriate government agency.
 - c. Provincial Concerns
 - i. Concerns that are provincial in nature.
 - ii. In order to deal with these concerns at the local level, you require a change in provincial policy. Note: When writing your resolutions make certain you do not ask the province to do something that you already have authority at the local level to do. Because most concerns will ultimately need to be dealt with locally, ask for a change in provincial policy that would enable you as a board to take the necessary action. Resolutions that are provincial in scope, if passed by the regional conference, could be forwarded to the provincial conference for action.
4. Conduct some research on your regional and provincial concerns to:
 - a. Ensure that these concerns were not submitted as resolutions previously and that action has already been taken regionally or provincially.
 - b. Check with those agencies that you expect to respond to your concern (resolution). Determine if they are aware of the need and whether any action is being considered.
 - c. Obtain sufficient background information to be able to write and defend your resolution.
5. Write your resolutions with sufficient "whereas" statements to ensure that those reading the resolution will be able to understand your request.
 - a. All "whereas" statements should relate specifically to your request.

Regional Resolutions Format

TITLE

WHEREAS

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

SPONSORED BY:

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

CARRIED

DEFEATED

STATUS

DEPARTMENT

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Background information should include the history of the issue, potential impacts for the sponsoring municipality and the province-wide impacts for municipalities.

WILDLIFE PREDATOR COMPENSATION PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT

- WHEREAS** Predation by carnivores and birds of prey continues to be a problem for ranchers and agriculture producers;
- WHEREAS** Many Municipalities have submitted multiple resolutions in this regard for these same problems;
- WHEREAS** To maintain the credibility of the program, livestock losses must be confirmed by Fish and Wildlife Officers, as killed or injured by predators;
- WHEREAS** The protection of life and property is a priority for the provincial government, which means providing a response to reports of problem wildlife, may sometimes shift the efforts of Fish and Wildlife Officers away from the predator control mandate;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST**

That the Ministers of Environment and Parks, Justice and Solicitor General, and all other relevant government ministries implement an enhanced Predator Compensation Program that could utilize the g.p.s. location and date time features and photo capabilities of smart phone technology to provide photographic or video evidence to assist in the confirmation of livestock death and livestock injury in a timely and prompt manner, and reduce the number of physical site investigations Fish and Wildlife Officers must conduct.

- SPONSORED BY:** Clear Hills County
- MOVED BY:** _____
- SECONDED BY:** _____
- CARRIED:** _____
- DEFEATED:** _____
- STATUS:** Provincial
- DEPARTMENT:** Environment and Parks
Justice and Solicitor General
Agriculture and Forestry

Background Information:

Alberta's Wildlife Predator Compensation Program provides compensation for eligible food-producing livestock (cattle, swine, goats, sheep and bison) confirmed to be killed or injured by predators (bears, wolves, cougars, and eagles). The program provides compensation at the average market value for the type and class of animal lost.

To maintain the credibility of the program, livestock losses must be confirmed to be killed or injured by predators. Predators are opportunistic animals and are often found feeding on

livestock carcasses that have died from other causes. Livestock producers seeking compensation for lost or injured animals are encouraged to contact Fish and Wildlife Officers as soon as possible to confirm that the animal was killed or injured by a predator. This is the point where if Fish and Wildlife Officers are not available to investigate, then the producer may not get compensation due to the delay in investigating the loss or injury of the livestock and the deterioration of evidence.

With the prevalence of smart phones and the level of technology these devices have for including the g.p.s. location as well as date and time that a picture is taken, and high resolution cameras, allowing ranchers and agricultural producers to take pictures of loss or injury of livestock and emailing or texting these pictures to the local Fish and Wildlife Officer would be strong step forward in timely confirmation of predation and reduce the number of locations the Fish and Wildlife Officers would have to physically attend to investigate injury or loss of livestock to predation.

WEED CONTROL PROGRAM ON PUBLIC LANDS

WHEREAS

The Crown is bound by the *Weed Control Act of Alberta* (2010)(Section 31). Crown land management largely falls under the purview of Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP)

WHEREAS

Vacant crown land, particularly wetlands (marshes, sloughs etc.) has become heavily infested with provincially regulated weeds, such as Canada Thistle, Perennial Sowthistle, Scentless Chamomile etc.

WHEREAS

Weed infestations from adjacent crown lands move onto privately held lands, and/or oil leases, which places an undue burden upon owners of land or leases, as there is currently very little attempt by Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) to address their regulated weeds. Private landowners, including agricultural producers, and lease holders are required to control regulated weeds as mandated by the *Alberta Weed Control Act* (Section 2, Part 1). Any areas with regulated weeds are inspected and the Act is enforced by municipalities as also mandated by the *Alberta Weed Control Act*.

WHEREAS

The Crown has not established a weed control program to combat their regulated weed problem. Private land and lease holders are left with the financial burden of continually controlling weeds whose source is never addressed. Municipalities in general do not have a specific program to combat infestations in wetlands and are often left with a difficult decision as to how to deal with these infestations as there is no direction from AEP. This would include dealing with legislative restrictions on entering wetlands to mechanically control noxious weeds and possibly applying herbicides. Municipalities have received very little cooperation to address weed concerns from Alberta Environment and Parks. Currently, AEP has not placed weed control as a high priority.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That Alberta Environment and Parks establish a weed control program using best management practices and establish a financial budget to address regulated weeds on all vacant Crown lands.

Sponsored by: Mackenzie County

MOVED BY: _____

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DEFEATED: _____

STATUS: _____

Report Card on the Resolutions

2018

Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee

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Introduction

The Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee is pleased to provide Agricultural Service Board (ASB) members and staff with the 2018 Report Card on the Resolutions. This report contains the government and non-government responses to the resolutions passed at the 2018 Provincial ASB Conference. This document includes the Whereas and Therefore Be It Resolved sections, response, response grade, and comments from the Committee for each resolution from the 2018 Provincial ASB Conference. The resolutions and responses are also posted on the Agriculture and Forestry ASB webpage at:

www.agriculture.alberta.ca/asb. Actions take by the Committee on current and prior resolutions are also included in this report.

There are four grades that can be assigned to a resolution response: Accept the Response; Accept in Principle; Incomplete and Unsatisfactory. The quality of the response determines the grade that is assigned to each resolution. A definition of each grade is included in the Report Card. The grades assigned by the Committee are intended to provide further direction and advocacy efforts for each resolution. Please contact your Regional Representative if you have questions or comments on the grade assigned to a resolution or advocacy efforts.

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Definition of Terms

The Provincial ASB Committee has chosen four indicators to grade resolution responses from government and non-government organizations.

Accept the Response

A response that has been graded as Accept the Response addresses the resolution as presented or meets the expectations of the Provincial ASB Committee.

Accept in Principle

A response that is graded Accept in Principle addresses the resolution in part or contains information that indicates that further action is being considered.

Incomplete

A response that is graded as Incomplete that does not provide enough information or does not completely address the resolution. Follow up is required to solicit information for the Provincial ASB Committee to make an informed decision on how to proceed.

Unsatisfactory

A response that is graded as Unsatisfactory does not address the resolution as presented or does not meet the expectations of the Provincial ASB Committee.

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Executive Summary

Grading given by the Provincial ASB Committee to responses by government and non-government organizations to resolutions passed at the 2018 Provincial ASB Conference.

Resolution Number	Title	Grade
1-18	Environmental Stream Funding of the Agricultural Service Board Grant	Accept in Principle
2-18	Appeals to the Minister under the <i>Weed Control Act</i> and <i>Agricultural Pests Act</i>	Unsatisfactory
3-18	Requirement to Report Certain Pests to the Local Authority	DEFEATED
4-18	Weed Control on Alberta Vacant Public Lands Within Green Areas	Incomplete
5-18	Wildlife Predator Compensation Program Enhancement	Accept in Principle
6-18	Review of Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) Crop Insurance Program	Unsatisfactory
7-18	Crop Insurance for Alberta Fruit Producers	Accept in Principle
8-18	Increasing Limits for Farm Direct Marketing of Chickens for All Farm Direct Producers	DEFEATED
9-18	Farm Direct Marketing of Eggs and Products Using Eggs	Accept in Principle
10-18	Proposed Federal Tax Changes	Accept the Response
11-18	Organic Food Testing and Labeling	Accept in Principle
12-18	Chemical Control of Wireworms	DEFEATED

2018 Activities

Meetings:

ASB Provincial Conference

Meeting with Minister → March 19, 2018

ASB Regular Meeting → March 19, 2018

Delegations from Agriculture and Forestry → OCPV, Pest Surveillance Branch,

ASB Conference Call → May 9, 2018

Call to review resolution responses

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RESOLUTION 1-18
ENVIRONMENTAL STREAM FUNDING OF THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE
BOARD GRANT

- WHEREAS** Rural Municipalities receive grant funding from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry through the Environmental Stream of the Agricultural Service Board Grant;
- WHEREAS** the funding is used by Rural Municipalities to provide Extension and Education to Producers for Best Management Practices of Sustainable Agriculture activities at the grass roots level;
- WHEREAS** the Environmental Stream of the Agricultural Service Board Grant provides funding to Rural Municipalities for three years;
- WHEREAS** Municipalities rely on this funding to hire staff to provide Extension and Education to Producers at a Grass Roots Level but have a three to four month period when the funding is complete (December 31) and the new Grant application is confirmed (March 31) based on the Provincial Budget;
- WHEREAS** Municipalities with Extension and Education Programs would like to ensure that their programs continue to benefit Producers and that professional staff hired to manage the programs are retained;
- WHEREAS** the Municipal Government Act Section 269 states *that the Financial Year of a Municipality is the calendar year* and the Agricultural Service Board Grant Program Agreement states that the term means *the time period for the Program, being January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019* and not the Provincial Government fiscal year of April 1 until March 31;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that the funding provided by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry align with the Provincial Government's fiscal year of April 1 until March 31 to ensure that Rural Municipalities are able to maintain their Extension and Education Programs while retaining professional staff.

STATUS: Provincial

RESPONSE

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

The 2017/2019 Agricultural Service Board Grant Program is composed of two funding streams: the Legislative Funding Stream, which supports legislative activities, and the Environmental Funding Stream, which supports environmental activities. The payment terms for both funding streams are the same, as outlined in the program Terms and Conditions and grant agreements. The term of the current three-year agreements are January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019. Consequently, no changes are being considered until the next agreement.

Agriculture and Forestry understands that grant program funding is important to each municipality, and that a delay puts a strain on the municipality and their staff who rely on these funds. The Department is willing to work with the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee and their representatives to determine if moving from a calendar year to a government fiscal year will prevent future funding delays.

Grade: Accept in Principle

Comments: The Committee will put this request forward when the terms of the next grant agreement are negotiated. Funding can't be released until after April 1st so the Committee feels there is a need for further discussion as to whether it will make a difference to switch to using a government fiscal year for the program. The Committee feels that including this resolution as part of the discussion for the 2020-2022 grant program details makes the most sense as there is opportunity to review all aspects of the grant program to improve it at that time. The Committee feels this resolution is timely for development of the next cycle of the grant program.

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RESOLUTION 2-18
APPEALS TO THE MINISTER UNDER THE WEED CONTROL ACT AND
AGRICULTURAL PESTS ACT

- WHEREAS** Agricultural Fieldmen must be qualified persons, and Agricultural Appeal Committees are appointed by each municipality and consist of individuals with local agricultural knowledge;
- WHEREAS** Pest and Weed issues need to be dealt with in a timely manner to prevent their establishment and spread;
- WHEREAS** Considering that current technology offers near instantaneous communication, determining an appeal should be possible within a reasonable time frame;
- WHEREAS** The local appeal committee has a specific deadline of 5 days to hear and determine appeals under the *Weed Control Act* and the *Agricultural Pests Act*;
- WHEREAS** The local municipality, as well as the landowner/occupant needs to know if an appeal is to be confirmed, varied or rescinded to allow for proper control decisions regarding agronomic and environmental factors;
- WHEREAS** There are examples from around the Province where the Minister has taken from 6 months to an excess of a year to hear and determine an appeal;
- WHEREAS** The Minister of Agriculture and Forestry has no specific deadline to hear and determine appeals under the *Weed Control Act* or *Agricultural Pests Act*;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry amend the *Weed Control Act* and the *Agricultural Pests Act* and applicable Regulations to give the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry 30 days to hear and determine appeals.

STATUS: Provincial

RESPONSE

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry recognizes that weeds and agricultural pests are an important issue to the economy and environment of Alberta. The Government of Alberta is committed to the control of weeds listed on the *Alberta Weed Control Regulation* and pests listed on the *Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation*. Agriculture and Forestry supports the efforts of local municipalities in the control of regulated weeds and agricultural pests.

Both the appeal process and the Ministerial review process are important elements of legislative schemes of the Alberta *Weed Control Act* and the Alberta *Agricultural Pests Act*. As such, these processes must be transparent, objective, robust and evidence-based. Careful consideration must be given to all appeals under the *Weed Control Act* and the *Agricultural Pests Act* due to the potential for setting precedents that may impact the province.

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry also recognizes timing can be an important consideration in the hearing and determination of appeals under the *Weed Control Act* and the *Agricultural Pests Act*. We are committed to a review process that is as timely and effective as possible, given the specific context. Consideration of appeal timelines must be balanced with the overall purpose and structure of the legislation, the issues at hand in any given review, and the overall priorities and timing of the Department.

Grade: Unsatisfactory

Comments: The Committee graded this resolution as Unsatisfactory as they felt that the response answered the resolution but it did not meet their expectations. The Committee discussed this issue with the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry in August and were told that Agriculture and Forestry is currently looking at the process for the Minister to review appeals under the *Weed Control Act* and *Agricultural Pests Act* and looking for ways to simplify the process. The Deputy Minister requested that the Committee follow up with department staff in two months on this issue. The Committee will continue to advocate for this change to be made to the Acts.

RESOLUTION 3-18
REQUIREMENT TO REPORT CERTAIN PESTS TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY
DEFEATED AT THE 2018 ASB PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

- WHEREAS** There are examples, historically and currently where organisms designated as Pests under the *Agricultural Pests Act and Regulation* have been found by individual landowners and occupants, as well as by agronomists and private Pest Control companies which were not reported to the local authority;
- WHEREAS** It would greatly assist the local authority in being able to (per Section 6 of the *Agricultural Pests Act*) "take active measures to prevent the establishment of, or to control or destroy, pests in the municipality" if a requirement to report the pests when found existed;
- WHEREAS** There is no provision in the current *Agricultural Pests Act* requiring the reporting of pests to the local authority;
- WHEREAS** If not reporting a pest when found was listed as an offence it could be dealt with per Section 23 under "Offences and Penalties";
- WHEREAS** It would be advisable to also amend Schedule 1 Part 1 of the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation identifying the specific pests which require notification to the local authority;
- WHEREAS** Notifying the local authority of the pests Norway Rat and any other rat species derived from the *Genus Rattus*, Wild boar when at large as well as Clubroot would improve the local authority's ability to deal with these, and benefit the people, agricultural industry and enhance environmental protection of the province

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry amend the *Agricultural Pests Act* and applicable Regulations to require all persons to report any instances of Norway rat, Wild boar when at large as well as Clubroot to the local authority.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry amend the *Agricultural Pest Acts* and applicable Regulations making it an offence to not report the aforementioned specific pests to the local authority.

RESOLUTION 4-18
WEED CONTROL ON ALBERTA VACANT PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN GREEN AREAS

- WHEREAS** Weeds cause significant changes to ecosystems resulting in economic harm to our agricultural and recreational industries;
- WHEREAS** Weeds are legislated under Alberta's *Weed Control Act* and seriously threaten the viability of lands if not properly managed;
- WHEREAS** Weeds are known to disrupt and potentially destroy natural habitats, putting wildlife habitat at risk;
- WHEREAS** While some invasive plant monitoring and control is occurring within Alberta Environment and Parks managed land, it should be extended to all lands held within ownership of the Ministry;
- WHEREAS** Alberta Environment and Parks Business Plan 2017-2020 Outcome One, commits to "work with strategic partners to conserve landscapes representative of Alberta's natural regions and ecosystems that protect biodiversity and provide habitat for common, vulnerable and endangered species"¹;
- WHEREAS** Alberta Environment and Parks Business Plan 2017-2020, Outcome Four, Key Strategies 4.14 states "Develop and implement plans and programs to anticipate and minimize impacts of catastrophic events and to protect communities, including: a framework to address invasive species in Alberta"²;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

Alberta Environment and Parks immediately implement a permanent program, with adequate allocation of staff and funds for weed control on vacant public lands within green areas as part of a comprehensive framework to address invasive species in Alberta.

STATUS: Provincial

RESPONSE

Alberta Environment and Parks

I am pleased to report that Environment and Parks is looking to provide additional resources in support of weed control efforts in the Green Area for 2018-19. We are very aware that weeds can cause significant impacts to both the environment and the economy if they are not adequately controlled.

¹ Business Plan 2017-2020, Alberta Environment and Parks, Page 66
<http://finance.alberta.ca/publications/budget/budget2017/environment-and-parks.pdf>

²² Business Plan 2017-2020, Alberta Environment and Parks, Page 71
<http://finance.alberta.ca/publications/budget/budget2017/environment-and-parks.pdf>

In the interim, Environment and Parks will continue to work in partnership with municipalities in the White Area to fund high-priority weed control projects on vacant public lands, as well as the bed and shore of water bodies. These projects include monitoring, spraying, biocontrol and hand-picking activities designed to eradicate or control site-specific infestations on public land. If the municipality is not willing the partner with Environment and Parks, the department contracts third-party licensed contractors, which generally results in higher weed control costs and involved additional department staff time, ultimately reducing the size of area the department can complete weed control on.

Grade: Incomplete

Comments: The Committee graded this resolution Incomplete as the response did not address the development of a comprehensive framework for weed control in green areas or allocation of staff. A letter has been sent to Environment and Parks requesting additional information regarding staff and how a new framework would work. No response has been received to date.

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RESOLUTION 5-18

WILDLIFE PREDATOR COMPENSATION PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT

- WHEREAS** Predation by carnivores and birds of prey continues to be a problem for ranchers and agriculture producers;
- WHEREAS** Many Municipalities have submitted multiple resolutions in this regard for these same problems;
- WHEREAS** To maintain the credibility of the program, livestock losses must be confirmed by Fish and Wildlife Officers, as killed or injured by predators;
- WHEREAS** The protection of life and property is a priority for the provincial government, which means providing a response to reports of problem wildlife, may sometimes shift the efforts of Fish and Wildlife Officers away from the predator control mandate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that the Ministers of Environment and Parks; Justice and Solicitor General, and all other relevant government ministries implement an enhanced Predator Compensation Program that could utilize trained Municipal Problem Wildlife staff to assist in the confirmation of livestock loss, both livestock death and livestock injury in a timely and prompt manner.

STATUS: Provincial

RESPONSE

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

To maintain the credibility of the program, livestock losses must be confirmed by Fish and Wildlife Officers as killed or injured by predators. The protection of life and property is a priority for our government, which means providing a response to reports of problem wildlife may sometimes shift the efforts of Fish and Wildlife Officers away from the predator control mandate.

Alberta Environment and Parks

I am also pleased to report that additional resources and tools to assist ranchers in reporting suspected predation cases will be rolled out in 2018. Currently, Environment and Parks, and Justice and Solicitor General are reviewing public services related to nuisance wildlife, including the delivery elements of the Wildlife Predator Compensation Program. Any significant changes to the services will involve stakeholder engagement and consultation.

On an annual basis, department staff evaluate the field investigative response times for the Wildlife Predator Compensation Program. Only on rare occasions do response times exceed the operating protocols, and measures are taken to ensure that the livestock owner is not denied compensation due to any delay in response. To maintain the credibility of the program, livestock losses must be confirmed by Fish and Wildlife as killed or injured by predators.

Ultimately, most municipalities in Alberta do not experience a significant number of cases of predation on livestock by eligible predators (the annual provincial total is around 300-400 investigations). Supplemental investigative staff, such as seasonal problem wildlife technicians, are stationed in those municipalities which receive the highest number of predation occurrences on an annual basis.

Alberta Justice and Solicitor General

Alberta Justice and Solicitor General's response was included with the response from Alberta Environment and Parks.

Grade: Accept in Principle

Comments: The Committee graded this response as Accept in Principle as they will continue to follow this resolution to see what additional resources and tools Alberta Environment provides to farmers and ranchers in 2018 regarding predation investigations. The response indicated that the program is under review and that there will be stakeholder engagement and consultation. The Committee is preparing to be part of the consultation process and will notify all ASBs when the consultation starts.

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RESOLUTION 6-18
REVIEW OF AGRICULTURE FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION (AFSC)
CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

- WHEREAS** Drought conditions in 2015 resulted in many farmers needing to harvest crops for feed, but AFSC was unable to complete adjustments in time to salvage quality feed;
- WHEREAS** 2016 and 2017 had severe weather events which prevented Alberta crop producers from being able to harvest and seed their crops;
- WHEREAS** Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) reported that 960,000 acres of cropland were snowed under and unharvested in 2016 and further excessive precipitation in spring left 618,000 acres of cropland unseeded in 2017;
- WHEREAS** Assessments of crop harvest of 2015 and 2016 demonstrated that the current AFSC Crop Insurance process of harvest inspections is not working effectively;
- WHEREAS** AFSC Crop insurance payments are not covering producer costs of production;
- WHEREAS** AFSC Crop insurance premiums are unaffordable relative to the returns available through insurance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF) and AFSC work collaboratively to review and revamp AFSC's Annual Crop Production Insurance products and processes.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that AF and AFSC review procedures for conducting assessments for severe weather events to expedite claims processing.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that AF and AFSC annually review production costs and unseeded acreage benefits to align with current production costs.

STATUS: Provincial

RESPONSE

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

The crop insurance program delivered by AFSC is reviewed internally through producer consultations on an annual basis to ensure the program design and delivery remain relevant to both producers and government. Crop insurance is a

production guarantee where the yield coverage is based on an individual's yield history. This yield coverage is then multiplied by a spring insurance price to establish "dollar coverage". This amount will vary depending on commodity prices and input costs.

Premium rates are based on actuarially sound methods designed to ensure that the program breaks even over a 25-year time horizon. Premium rates are cost shared between producers, the federal government, and the Government of Alberta. It is also important to recognize that both levels of government pay for all the administrative costs of delivering crop insurance.

Crop insurance should not be evaluated on the basis of a return on investments, but rather a way to transfer some of the risk associated with crop production in Alberta.

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation

The crop insurance program delivered by AFSC is reviewed internally through producer consultations on an annual basis to ensure the program design and delivery remain relevant to both producers and government. In addition, every five years the program is also reviewed nationally as part of the discussions leading up to the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Agriculture Policy Framework. The most recent framework, the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) takes effect on April 1, 2018. In the preamble to your resolution you refer to some situations that you feel warrant review, specifically:

- The ability to conduct claims in a timely manner;
- The program's response to the extreme moisture conditions in parts of the province in 2016 and 2017;
- The relationship between costs of production and insurance coverage; and
- The cost of crop insurance relative to expected returns.

I will address these concerns in the order they were raised:

Firstly, AFSC has processes in place to ensure that insured producers are able to do whatever they feel is appropriate with their crops. Producers who would like to put their crop up for feed, or any other alternate use, are required to contact their local AFSC office. Once they have contacted the office an Adjuster will be assigned to conduct a pre-harvest inspection to assess the yield of the crop. Once this has occurred, the crop is released and the producer is free to put the crop to an alternate use. If the volume of claims is high and AFSC is not able to get an adjuster to the farm within a reasonable amount of time, producers can leave representative strips which can be used to assess the yield.

In the fall of 2016 and the winter of 2017, there was a concern expressed by producers that AFSC would delay producers from being able to conduct their spring harvest and subsequent seeding operations. AFSC responded by developing expedited adjusting procedures and communicating with producers through public meetings, media and regular conference calls with representatives of all the primary commodity groups.

These expedited procedures were effective in working through claims quickly without unduly delaying harvest and seeding operations.

There was also a concern that the coverage available under crop insurance does not cover the costs of production. As you are aware, crop insurance is a production guarantee where the yield coverage is based on an individual's yield history. This yield coverage is then multiplied by a spring insurance price to establish "dollar coverage". When we compare the 2015 AF AgriProfit's direct expenses for the four major crops to the average coverage on dryland, we find that in crop insurance coverage exceeded direct expenses by 11 percent. This amount will vary depending on commodity prices and input costs.

The last concern mentioned was crop insurance premiums are unaffordable relative to returns. Alberta has experienced generally good growing conditions recently and as a result premiums have been coming down with a further provincial reduction coming in 2018. Premium rates are based on actuarially sound methods designed to ensure that the program breaks even over a 25 year time horizon. Also, premium rates are cost shared between producers, the federal government and the Government of Alberta with producers paying between 35 percent and 50 per cent of the cost depending on the coverage level elected. It is also important to recognize that both levels of government pay for all the administrative costs of delivering crop insurance. Crop insurance should not be evaluated on the basis of a return on investment but rather a way to transfer some of the risk associated with crop production in Alberta.

AFSC believes the programs are relevant and effective based on input from producers; however, there are always opportunities for improvement and we would welcome an opportunity to sit down and discuss these opportunities with your organization.

Grade: Unsatisfactory

Comments: The Committee graded this resolution as Unsatisfactory as they felt the responses technically answered the resolution but it did not meet their expectations. The Committee feels that there are still problems with the current system and is working on arranging a meeting with AFSC to discuss this resolution in more detail and advocate for additional changes to how claims are assessed and processed.

RESOLUTION 7-18 CROP INSURANCE FOR ALBERTA FRUIT PRODUCERS

- WHEREAS** The local food movement is growing in Alberta and local producers are marketing fruit directly to consumers through u-pick operations, farmers markets and community supported agriculture;
- WHEREAS** The Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) does not at this time provide crop insurance for fruit production (multiple year crops in Alberta);
- WHEREAS** Fruit production in Alberta is subject to the same climate issues as annual crops;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) review its Agrilnsurance Products list and consider providing crop insurance coverage for fruit producers in Alberta including saskatoons, haskap, strawberries, raspberries, sour cherries, currants and other fruit and change their Agrilnsurance Products listing to include multi-year or long-term crops.

STATUS: Provincial

RESPONSE

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

AFSC is willing to work with any producer organization to develop risk management products for any commodity, including fruit. There are, however, some data requirements that need to be met to allow AFSC to establish coverages and premium rates.

AFSC is willing to meet with the group representing fruit growers to assess the feasibility of developing an insurance program for the fruit sector.

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation

AFSC is willing to work with any producer organization to develop risk management products for any commodity including fruit. There are, however, some data requirements that need to be met to allow us to establish coverages and premium rates. We would suggest that a meeting be arranged between the group representing fruit growers and AFSC to assess the feasibility of developing an insurance program for the fruit sector.

Grade: Accept the Response

Comments: The Committee is pleased that AFSC has indicated that they will work with Fruit Growers to create a program to meet their needs. The Committee will assist Fruit Growers to arrange a meeting with AFSC to start development of an insurance program to meet the needs of the fruit sector.

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RESOLUTION 8-18

INCREASING LIMITS FOR FARM DIRECT MARKETING OF CHICKENS FOR ALL FARM DIRECT PRODUCERS

DEFEATED AT THE 2018 ASB PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS The local food movement is growing in Alberta and local producers are marketing directly to consumers through farmers' markets, on-farm stores, community supported agriculture programs, etc. with locally grown fruits, vegetables, and proteins;

WHEREAS There needs to be fairness for all farm direct marketers for selling local food directly to consumers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that the Alberta Chicken Producers allow non-communal groups to produce, market, and consume up to 6,000 chickens in a calendar year.

RESOLUTION 9-18

FARM DIRECT MARKETING OF EGGS AND PRODUCTS USING EGGS

WHEREAS The local food movement is growing in Alberta and local producers are marketing protein and baked goods directly to consumers through u-pick operations, farmers' markets and community supported agriculture;

WHEREAS Uninspected eggs cannot be used to produce processed products such as pickled eggs or baked goods that will be sold at any marketing venue including farmers markets' but uninspected, whole eggs can be sold directly to consumers for their own personal use as long as it is the farmer selling their own eggs;

WHEREAS Egg Farmers of Alberta Marketing Regulation allows only the ownership of 300 hens for farm direct marketers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that the Egg Farmers of Alberta review its Poultry and Poultry Products Regulations to allow farm direct marketers to use their own uninspected eggs in their processed products provided these products are sold direct to the end consumer and that the farm direct marketer follow standard food safety handling procedures.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

that Egg Farmers of Alberta review its Poultry and Poultry Products Regulations to allow farm direct marketers to increase the ownership from 300 hens to 600 hens.

STATUS: Provincial

RESPONSE

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

The *Purchase and Sale of Eggs and Processed Egg Regulation* states that uninspected eggs can be sold direct from the producer to the end consumer for their own or household consumption. The sale of uninspected eggs can occur in any location and not just through Alberta approved farmers' markets.

All commercial food establishments, with the exception of Alberta approved farmers' markets, must obtain their food from approved sources that are subject to inspection as per Part 2, Section 23, of the *Alberta Food Regulation*.

Uninspected eggs are not expressly prohibited as an ingredient at Alberta

approved farmers' markets as per Part 3 of the *Alberta Food Regulation*. The *Alberta Food Regulation* is under review by Alberta Health.

If the *Purchase and Sale of Eggs and Processed Egg Regulation* were amended to allow producers to use their own uninspected eggs in their processed food products destined for sale to end consumers, these products would only be allowed to be offered for sale at Alberta approved farmers' markets.

Explore Local, the Department's New Venture Specialists, and the Alberta Approved Farmers' Market Program can assist with communication if changes are implemented.

Egg Farmers of Alberta

The Egg Farmers of Alberta Board of Directors (EFA) has reviewed the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Resolution 9: Farm Direct Marketing of Eggs and Products Using Eggs, and has reached the following conclusions:

With regards to the first point, concerning the use of uninspected eggs for processing, the ASB will need to consult with the Government of Alberta, since this item falls under the *Purchase and Sale of Eggs and Processed Egg Regulation*. EFA does not have jurisdiction over this regulation.

With regards to the second point, concerning the number of laying hens allowed to be owned by unregulated producers, EFA has decided to maintain the current limit of 300 hens. Alberta is proud to provide the broadest access for unregulated producers anywhere in Canada, having the highest allowance (less than 300 laying hens) without any caps or other special rules. Other provinces have limits as low as 99 hens, while some provinces allow up to 500 hens for a very limited number of people drawn at random each year.

The intention of the regulation is to balance the management of the provincial egg industry with the ability for individuals to produce food for personal consumption. The regulations were not designed to provide an opportunity to commercialize hobby farming. If an individual wants to raise more hens for commercial purposes, then they are encouraged to take the necessary steps to become a registered egg farmer and join the Alberta egg industry, which includes: holding quota, adhering to mandatory guidelines such as the national Animal Care Program and the national food safety program Start Clean – Stay Clean™.

Our staff would be happy to answer any questions regarding joining Egg Farmers of Alberta.

Grade: Accept the Response

Comments: The Committee felt that the responses technically answered the resolution and no further follow up was needed.

RESOLUTION 10-18

PROPOSED FEDERAL TAX CHANGES

WHEREAS On July 18, 2017, the Department of Finance Canada began consultation with Canadians on "Tax Planning Using Private Corporations";

WHEREAS The "Tax Planning Using Private Corporations" consultation period was only from July 18, 2017 to October 2, 2017 which did not allow farmers an adequate opportunity to consult with financial professionals and provide informed input into the consultation;

WHEREAS In October 2017, Honourable Minister Morneau announced certain changes to the initial proposal but no details of changes have been released;

WHEREAS The "Tax Planning Using Private Corporations" document proposes significant changes to Lifetime Capital Gains Deduction, Income Sprinkling and other rules related to corporations and trusts that will have significant impact on family farms and other rural businesses;

WHEREAS The proposed changes threaten the viability of farmers and their family farms and have potential implications for the amount of tax farmers pay and could penalize farmers for trying to keep family farms within the family by establishing farm corporations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD REQUEST

That Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and the Premier of Alberta advocate for the Family Farm and small businesses of Alberta to revoke the proposed tax changes in the "Tax Planning Using Private Corporations" document released by Department of Finance Canada on July 18, 2017.

STATUS: Provincial

RESPONSE

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

The Department of Finance Canada released the "Proposed Tax Changes for Private Corporations", which address three tax practices, including Income Sprinkling, Passive Investment Income, and Capital Gains. These changes were released to the public on July 18, 2017, with a 75-day consultation period. The federal Department of Finance has primary jurisdiction over implementing tax policy changes, as it is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Canadian *Income Tax Act*.

With respect to the proposed federal tax changes, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry shares concerns similar to those expressed by the Agriculture Service Board and other industry stakeholders. To date, over 21,000 individual responses from across Canada have been submitted to the federal Department of Finance on their impact to Canadian Businesses.

Specifically for farm families, a series of announcements were made from October 16 to 19, 2017, indicating that the federal government would not proceed with the measures that restricted the lifetime capital gains exemption on the sale of business shares by non-active shareholder, nor on the measure that would restrict the use of the lifetime capital gains exemption when selling shares to a family member. The federal Department of Finance also stated that they will decrease the Small Business Tax Rate to ten per cent in 2018 and nine per cent in 2019.

As of December 13, 2017, the federal Department of Finance released an updated provision to the Tax on Split Income proposals to lessen the impact to Canadian businesses. The other proposed changes are expected to be released in the federal budget on February 27, 2018.

Many individual farms, farm advisors, and producer organizations have submitted responses directly to the federal Department of Finance on the impact to their businesses. We encourage farms and farm organizations to stay involved in the release of future proposed legislation, and to actively seek professional advice on the impact to their farm businesses.

Premier of Alberta

Response is included in the response from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

Grade: Accept the Response

Comments: The Department of Finance Canada announced that they would not be making several of the changes proposed in the "Proposed Tax Changes for Private Corporations" document. Many of the proposed changes were reversed based on the input from the consultation. The Committee encourages all ASBs to continue to be prepared to provide input into this issue but that the response was answered with the changes announced late last year.

RESOLUTION 11-18

ORGANIC FOOD TESTING AND LABELING

- WHEREAS** The organic food industry food stuffs are generally sold at a significant premium to conventional food stuffs;
- WHEREAS** Consumers rely on the labeling and testing of products to make their purchasing decisions and some labeling is inadequate or misleading to the consumer;
- WHEREAS** Consumers, Organic Producers, and Conventional Producers are being cheated by false advertising of products and sales gimmicks;
- WHEREAS** Canada Organic has established standards, certification and verification processes to ensure that products labelled with the Canada Organic product comply with current Canadian legislation for organic products and the Canada Organic Regime;
- WHEREAS** Many organic products are not labelled with the Canada Organic label, therefore, there is no oversight to determine if these products meet the requirements of current Canadian legislation for organic standards;
- WHEREAS** Organic Standards allowing a product to be labeled organic when the product is 95% organic, and less than 95% naming it "organic ingredients" is misleading to the consumer;
- WHEREAS** Produce at Farmers Markets has been sold as organic that do not meet organic standards;
- WHEREAS** The organic industry, true organic producers and conventional producers need to be protected from the misleading labeling and false organic claims;
- WHEREAS** Testing by CFIA needs to be increased, available and concise to inform consumers throughout Canada as to what they are receiving when they purchase a product labeled Organic;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD REQUEST

That Alberta Agriculture and Forestry advocate for clear and concise labeling and testing of products claiming organic authenticity.

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That testing by CFIA is increased to assure all products sold in Canada with organic claims are relevant.

Status: Provincial, Federal

RESPONSE

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

The federal Organic Product Regulation (OPR) is referred to as the Canadian Organic Standard. Organic certification is now mandatory and federally regulated. It regulates all food and feed products that move across a provincial or federal border. Certification is the best guarantee for consumers to verify the organic integrity of a product from field to fork, even for those who know the farmer and farmer's production practices.

The Canadian Organic Regime (COR) applies to all organic products that cross a border and/or carry the Canadian Organic Logo. This applies to international and interprovincial trade, but it does not apply to intra-provincial trade (products made and sold in Alberta). The COR certifies that products making the organic claim have met the Canadian Organic Standard, and followed the certification process, including the third party audit by an accredited certifying body. The COR does not require product testing. The assurance that products sold with organic claims comes from the certification process.

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry is currently working on the intra-provincial gap through the development of a Local Food Act. This act intends to endorse the national standard into the province, and stop the selling of mislabeled organic products.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)

As you know, the Organic Products Regulations apply to intra-provincially sold products bearing the Canada organic logo, as well as all products sold inter-provincially and internationally.

The CFIA investigates all allegations of false and misleading labelling and takes enforcement action if evidence of deception is found. This includes false organic claims. It also follows up on complaints received from consumers—by inspecting the product and/or label—using a risk based approach. Random inspections are conducted for monitoring purposes, while targeted inspections focus on areas where non-compliance is suspected. This would include verifying that a product is certified when it should be.

The CFIA routinely tests products with organic claims for potential contamination. Industry adherence to regulations has generally tested at better than 95%. CFIA local offices receive complaints about food products that are believed to violate regulatory requirements. Inspectors investigate these complaints based on inspection and compliance principles. Local CFIA offices can be found at www.inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/offices/eng/1313255382836/1313256130232.

The CFIA understands that some provinces are in the process of establishing provincial organic regulations that would apply intra-provincially and we encourage you to work with the provinces to establish these regulations.

Grade: Accept in Principle

Comments: This response was graded as Accept in Principle as Agriculture and Forestry indicated that a new Act was being developed to address this issue. The Committee will continue to work with Agriculture and Forestry to be part of the consultation process and will notify ASBs when the consultation starts. The Committee will use this process to advocate for changes to be made to improve certification for organic products.

DRAFT

**RESOLUTION 12-18
CHEMICAL CONTROL OF WIREWORMS**

DEFEATED AT 2018 ASB PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS The immitigable destruction of crops by wireworms in southern Alberta has increasingly become an unmanageable issue;

WHEREAS The Government of Canada ended the use of LINDANE as a pesticide in December of 2004;

WHEREAS There currently does not exist an effective chemical application to mitigate the crop damage induced by wireworms;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT ALBERTA'S AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARDS REQUEST

That the previously registered pesticide known as LINDANE be again allowed for controlled treatment by certified Seed Cleaning Plants regarding seed which they have actually cleaned for specified cereal grains and which may only be planted for the restricted use of livestock feed, with sufficient oversight and accountability of the grower to prevent any crops produced from such LINDANE treated seed to be directly consumed by humans or to be sown year after year on the same field.

Update on Previous Years' Resolutions

DRAFT

1-17: Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways

Grade: Accept in Principle

2-17: Ensuring Competition for Seed and Crop Protection Products

Grade: Incomplete

3-17: Incorporating Agriculture and Agri-Food Education in the Classroom

Grade: Incomplete

E3-17: Eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Prevalent in Bison Within and Surrounding Wood Buffalo National Park

Grade: Unsatisfactory

1-16: Proactive Vegetation Management on Alberta Provincial Highways

Grade: Unsatisfactory

2-16: Reinstatement of Provincial Funding for the Canada and Alberta Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Surveillance Program

Grade: Unsatisfactory

3-16: Agricultural Plastics Recycling

Grade: Accept in Principle

5-16: Climate Stations

Grade: Accept in Principle

6-16: Compensation for Coyote Depredation

Grade: Accept in Principle

8-16: Species at Risk Act (SARA)

Grade: Accept in Principle

E1-16: Bill 6: *Enhanced Protection of Farm and Ranch Workers*

Grade: initially Accept in Principle but should change to Accept the Response

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

At this time the Agricultural Fieldman will have an opportunity to present his report.

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Greg- Agricultural Fieldman Report-October 15, 2018

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the October 15, 2018 Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: *Asj* AgFieldman:

OCTOBER 15, 2018

PEST CONTROL

• Coyotes Claimed:

Total #	Total \$
248	\$11,160.00

Note: The program has been cancelled permanently.

• Wolves Claimed:

Total #	Total \$
21	\$7,350.00

OTHER TOPICS

- 1118 inspections done over the season. For the County, 33 weed letters were sent out, 14 weed notices were issued, and 1 enforcement was done. For the Village of Hines Creek, 1 weed letter was sent, 3 weed notices were issued, and 3 enforcements were done.
- All inspectors were laid off mid-September
- Replaced the hopper wheels on grain bagger conveyor.
- Repaired water pump pulley set screws.
- All sprayers have been cleaned and winterized.
- Preparations for the regional ASB conference are nearly complete

Rental Equipment Usage January 1, 2018 - October 1, 2018

Equipment	Rental Deposits	Rental Rates	Total Users	Total Days	Total Revenue (Year to date)
Backpack Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	1	1	\$ -
Bale Scale	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	1	1	\$ 30.00
Ball Hitch (2" & 2 5/16")	\$ -	\$ -			
Chairs	\$ 50.00	\$0.5/chair	9	9	\$ 350.50
Community Centre	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	7	7	\$ 300.00
Corral Panels	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	3	4	\$ 200.00
Coyote Trap		\$ -			
Eco-Bran Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00			
Grain Bag Roller	\$ 50.00	\$ -	16	16	\$ -
Grain Bagger	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	1	2	\$ 700.00
Grain Bag Extractor	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	3	4	\$ 1,400.00
Grain Vac	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	24	24	\$ 4,500.00
Grill	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00	4	14	\$ 60.00
Hand Held Rope Wick	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00			
Land Leveller	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	4	4	\$ 520.00
Loading Chute	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	4	4	\$ 100.00
Manure Spreader	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	4	11	\$ 1,650.00
Mulch Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	1	1	\$ 25.00
Extra Hoses	\$ 50.00	\$ 1.00	4	13	\$ 132.00
Post Pounder	\$ 250.00	\$ 125.00	12	14	\$ 1,687.50
Pull/Push Roller Applicator	\$ 50.00	\$ -			
Quad Mount Rope Wick	\$ 50.00	\$ -			
Quad Mounted Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	3	3	\$ -
Quad Pull Type Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	3	3	\$ -
Rock Picker	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	1	7	\$ 1,950.00
Rock Rake	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00			
Roller Mill	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	4	7	\$ 140.00
Rotowiper	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00			
Scare Cannon #91060254	\$ 50.00	\$ -			
Signs	\$ 60.00	\$ -			
Skid Mount Sprayer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	2	2	\$ -
Steam Tables	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00			
Tables	\$ 50.00	\$1.00/table	9	10	\$ 185.00
Toilets	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	3	3	\$ 80.00
Tree Spade	\$ 300.00	\$ 50.00	7	13	\$ 600.00
Truck Mount Sprayer	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	5	5	\$ -
Wash Station	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	2	2	\$ 20.00
Water Pumps	\$100.00 (Summer) \$1,000.00 (Winter)	\$75.00(Summer) \$200 (Winter)	16	40	\$ 3,125.00
Zero Till Drills	\$ 300.00	\$300.00/20 feet	7	9	\$ 1,225.00
Wire Roller	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	5	8	\$ 200.00
Post Hole Auger	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00			
Sickle Mower	\$ 100.00				
BBQ Trailer	\$ 100.00	50	5	5	\$ 200.00
43			170	246	\$ 19,380.00
					Year to Date Expenses \$ 25,429.89
					Profit/loss: \$ (6,049.89)

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	BOARD REPORTS
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to present their reports.

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to report on meetings attended and other agricultural related topics.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Chair Harcourt written reports
- Member Watchorn written reports
- Member Ross written reports

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of October 15, 2018 for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: *AB* AgFieldman: *GC*

Cattle Marketing Workshop
September 20, 2018
Rycroft, Alberta
By: Brian Harcourt

Speaker Anne Wasko..SW Sask..2nd yr drought.
High lites this year so far.
Quotes and Comments.
2017 best year ever.
Superb beef demand,
Export markets very good.
Largest fed cattle slaughter in years.
Quarters 2 ans 3 largest since 2010.
Beef cow inventory 3.7m.
For 9 years between 3.7 and 4m yearly.
West Can replacement heifers-3%.
Heifer market up +8%.
Cow market plus kill +18%.
west Can cattleon feed+12%, as of Sept +17%.
Some feed lots are expanding their operations.
Cattle feeders export +46%.
Cattle feeders in Can +14%

Part 2 Anne Wasko

By: Brian Harcourt

US cow herd at 32.5m up 1%.

High was 40m 1980.

Texas tops beef cows average 4.6m.

Missouri 2nd at 2.3m AB 6m, Sask 9m.

US beef production up +5%, highest ever demand.

Cattle feeders lose during summer months but gain as fall returns.

US exports +14%, imports -2%.

US pork production +3%.

US chicken production +2%.

Cattle sales \$ outlook.

Feed lots profits down slightly.

AB and Sask feed markets +5%.

Prices should get better this fall.

Seasonal selling weight 850lb, Oct and Nov good.

Big US corn crop est, 14.8 billion bushels.

Calve market flat all year, so far.

Cow market poor -10%, mostly because of drought.

Slaughter cows \$14/cw over US, -10%.

What could change things? Weather, feed, higher inputs, trade, NAFTA (USMCA) economy, consumer preferences, price volatility, risk management, War.

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Soil Health Workshop
August 13, 2018
Teepee Creek, Alberta

Speaker..Daryl Chubb, Irricana, AB.
1 403 836 2202.
daryl@intergritsoils

Quotes and comments.

What is soil health?

Plant and nutrient efficiency to improve food production.

Spread seeds into bale grazing on to land in early winter.

Animals feet will press seeds into the soil.

Soil is always moving, however slowly by vegetation
livestock, humans, birds and wild game.

Organic soil makeup..5% water, 25% air and 45% minerals.

Physical makeup..Bio, roots, mycorrhiza, sugars and
much more, many things in the soil have not been named yet.

Photosynthesis makes it all happen.

Protozoa bacteria is like a hunter searching for Oxygen.

Soil organic matter is made up of plant and animal residue.

Humus and carbon equals 1% SOM, soil organic matter.

Temperature and compaction affects soils ability

to hold Water, Top 6 inches can hold 27000 gallons of water.

Bacteria-oldest and most numerous organisms in soil.

Fungi-"hyphae"explores for nutrients and water.

Arburcular mycorrhiza extends plants roots
systems searching for Fungi.

Glomalin- is a sticky protein that stores high amounts of
Carbon and Nitrogen and aids in aggregation of the soil.

Protozoa- small single cell animal.

Earthworms decompose and improve water
infiltration and aeration of soil.

Destroyers of soil...cultivation, chemicals and over fertilization.

But mother nature trumps all.

Soil health does not come in a jug or a bag.

Silver bullets do not exist.

FEED the soil and encourage BIO activity.

Reduce, Rethink, Substitute, Redesign.

Book..VSA..Visual Soil Assessment.

Outlook Mail



Search Mail and People

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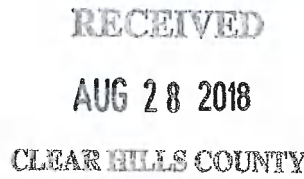
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Aug 7th 2018.
 Bay Tree, AB.
 Home of Andrew and Vivian Miller
 Spruce Lane Ranch
 Seminar sponsored by PCBFA.

Speaker...Jim Gerrish..Idaho..USA.
 Quotes and comments.
 How to make the most of your pasture.
 Reduce your feed costs.
 Implement "Management--Intensive Grazing".
 The question..how do you estimate the capacity of your pasture to feed X number of cows for X number of days.
 Feeding time in any one paddock is the key factor.
 The 4 necessities to produce fiber, milk, meat etc, are water, air,soil and light.
 Grazing should begin after the 5th or 6th leaf on the plant.
 Grazing should terminate leaving 3+ leaves.
 Stock density is a critical element in grazing time.
 Grass feeds grass, there must be leaves to capture the solar energy, carbon, oxygen etc in order to feed the root system.
 The "Leaf Area" is an important feature of estimating your pastures capacity.
 The ratio is 5sq ft of leaf area to 1 sq ft of ground.
 Photosynthesis is the driving force of our planet.
 The plant soaks up the solar energy passing down into the root system, the roots make the plant grow thereby producing Food.
 In your pasture 7 to 10 varieties of plants are optimal.
 Takes an average of 40 days to produce one ton of forage per acre.
 Grazing is cheaper than making HAY.

Harcourt.

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Cattle Marketing Update 2018

Rycroft Ag Society Hall
Hosted By Peace Country Beef and Forage
By: Julie Watchorn

PCBFA had a contest called "Soiling Your Undies" You were to bury 100% cotton underwear in your soil

Dig up two months later the more decomposed your underwear is the more biologically active your soil is

1st place: 5-year membership to PCBFA

2nd place: 1 free soil health test to CARA soil health lab

3rd place: \$50 gift cert. to PCBFA

There were several guests from various livestock venues

North Peace Feeders Assoc. Berwyn Ab (since 1955) – Al Landaker

North Central Livestock Exchange Clyde Ab – Marty Gilfillian

Grande Prairie Feeders Assoc.- Allan McLachlan

AFSC-talked about management programs that are offered

Crop(hay & crop)

Lending

Livestock price insurance

AgStability

Gateway Livestock Exchange- Anne Wasko

Has been a market analyst for 33 years

Is from South west Saskatchewan

2018 Market Highlights:

- last year was the 1st year('17) Alberta feeder calves traded over US calves
- beef supply 3.73 million down 1%
- Ab and Sask have 70% of the national cow herd
- Cow exports up 18%
- Cow kill up 15% in Canada
- Aug 1 in feedlots 750 thousand cows up 12%
- 200 thousand exported
- Us beef production up 5% all time high

WHERE'S THE COW HERD?

Top 10 Regions-Beef Cows-Jan 2018

Texas- 4.585 million

Missouri- 2.166 m
Oklahoma- 2.131 m
Nebraska- 1.910 m
S. Dakota- 1.801m
Alberta- 1.555
Kansas- 1.507
Montana- 1.497
Saskatchewan- 1.096
Kentucky- 1.033

Cattle Price Outlook

Canada will feed 5% more-putting more heifers on feed
Cows on 10% but %14/cwt over the US

Many variables change cattle prices

- weather
- drought
- feed supply/feed prices
- fires/disasters
- NAFTA
- economy
- FAD(foreign animal diseases)
- plant-based protein burger at A&W...is that going to hurt cattle prices??

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Ranching for Profit w/Dave Pratt

By: MacKay Ross

Work on agreements for getting things done, not expectations to get it done.

3 secrets in Ranching for profit;

Reduce overhead costs (hay, extra equipment, winter vs summer calving etc.).

Increase gross margin per unit (1100lb cow with a high feed efficiency weaning a 500lb calf has a higher gross margin than a 1600lb cow with an average feed efficiency weaning a 650lb calf, a 50% bigger cow eating 75% more food to wean a 30% bigger calf sounds good at the coffee shop but is not profitable).

Increase turnover (3/1100lb cows instead of 2/1600lb cows).

Each operation on the farm must be separate, even if you own the land have the grain/cattle etc. part of the farm pay you rent, if more than one operation is using the land in a year have each pay rent, no free rides. Each operation on the farm must be profitable (cattle operation must be able to pay the haying operation more than it costs to make the hay).

Only 30% of ranches are passed on intact.

Rent or sell the ranch to the next generation, don't give it to them.

Sadly ranches tend to be unviable, strive to make it a business that can be left for weeks or months.

Learn to run a business that raises livestock not the other way around.

Run your farm as a business and the lifestyle you want will come.

Breakthrough from self/employed to business owner, from safety to freedom.

Do the owners/workers on the farm annually attend Professional development opportunities?

Measure by results not effort, it is possible to work hard and lose money.

Profit is to business, as breathing is to life.

Communication; listen, reflect on what they said (paraphrase to ensure you understand) then formulate a response.

Cost on an acre is overhead, cost spent on a cow is a direct cost.

Project forward, (could you only drive a truck in a forward direction with the rear and side mirrors? I guess if the road is straight and nothing is in front of you).

"In battle plans are useless, but planning is indispensable." Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Most ranchers talk about prices, weather and government, none of which we can influence, with the exception of drought tolerance. Which mitigates, in part, weather.

Invest in assets to sell, not to keep. An asset that is kept is a liability.

Get returns on more than grass, multiple layers of profit on the same acre.

Remember; amateurs pay to play, professionals get paid, to play.

Ideas are half baked, proposals are ready to go.

Chase profit not production; also keep an eye on quality over quantity.

Figure out what the profit is for (not your salary) then decide how much profit you need to make.

Set aside 2 mornings a week, get the \$100/hour work done (ie. books)

"This is a business and I will run it as one." Needs to be your mantra.

Biggest cost to keeping a cow is depreciation.

Eliminate depreciation on cows;
$$\frac{\text{Purchase Price or Replacement Cost of female} - \text{Salvage Value}}{\text{Productive Years in the Herd}}$$

What is the total cost of raising a replacement heifer? If you can buy them cheaper; should you, and why are they cheaper?

Increase value of cull females (fatten before sale).

Increase longevity of females in the herd (genetics).

"What do you know is impossible to do, then find a way to do it."

Plants need adequate rest based on how long it was grazed and growth rate based on plant and time of year.

In grazing management, 32 paddocks per rotation is the minimum needed to start making improvement on grass production and soil health.

Most graziers consider 61 paddocks and daily moves a minimum; this allows 60 days of rest.

Rest, graze period, density, herd impact, stocking rate needs to be equal to carrying capacity.

Find the date of no return on a drought year, always destock at that time.

"First steps" and profit tips on www.ranchingforprofit.com

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	October 15, 2018
Originated By:	Greg Coon, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The board is presented with correspondence for review.

BACKGROUND:

Attached are documents for the Board's information:

ATTACHMENTS:

- The Pest Insider – Newsletter – (63-10-02)
- Alberta Farm Express – Genetically Modified Wheat – (63-10-02)
- Plebiscite on the Alberta Beef Producer Service Charge Model – Letter – (63-10-02)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of October 15, 2018 as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:	AgFieldman:
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THE PEST INSIDER

Sept 2018

The Invasive Dove

Have you seen this colourful, elegant dove cooing pleasantly in your yard this summer? Don't be too impressed by the Eurasian collared dove's beauty and pleasant sound — it has invaded North America faster than any other bird.

The collared dove has out-competed the mourning dove and other native songbirds, quickly becoming the most aggressive invasive songbird in America. It breeds all year round when food is abundant and aggressively finds food. Unlike other songbirds, it doesn't receive protection under legislation.

The collared dove arrived in America by escaping a pet shop in the Bahamas in 1974, flying to the mainland and spreading across the entire continent. Alberta's climate is too cold for winter nesting. They are a common visitor to bird feeders and like to live close to urban communities, but can be found in rural areas as well.

They have several vocalizations but most noticeably sound like an owl's hoot. Their nest is made of sticks which contain two white eggs. The male incubates the eggs during the day and the female takes over at night for a period of 14 to 18 days. The chicks leave the nest in about 15 days.



“The major difference between rats and people is that rats learn from experience.”
B F Skinner “

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2018 City Slickers Stony Plain

Alberta Update

Training

At Stony Plain's Multicultural Heritage Centre on Sept 21, hundreds of grade 4 and 5 students from Parkland County and City of Edmonton learned about rats and wild boar. Two of Agriculture and Forestry's pest experts spent the day talking to and training students and teachers; one class at a time. The students learned how to identify these invasive species and the damage they cause the environment. They learned about rat and wild boar control and the need to report any sightings of these species to 310-RATS (7287). The building was cold but the interest was hot in these invasive species. Students were encouraged to [visit our website](#) to check out Alberta's control program for these two vermin.

On Oct 17-18th of this month the AAAF is sponsoring a Provincial Coyote Control Seminar and Form 7 training in Sherwood Park at the Clarion Hotel. Participants will learn about The Agricultural Pest Act and Regulations, Rabies, Rats, Richardson Ground Squirrels, and lots of Coyote control techniques like snaring, baiting, calling, and identifying predation.

Rats

Summer rat activity was slow with two reported roof rat sightings; one in Calgary and one in Edmonton. These two single rats were eradicated. The number of 310 rats reports was average over the summer. Fall came quickly and so did the rat action. In Sept we had 6 confirmed rat reports one of which was an infestation near Sibbald. This rats nest was close to the rat infestation found this spring under steel grain bins east of the town of Sibbald. The new rat infestation was discovered in a farm dump along headlands. Multiple Roof Rats were also reported in a cargo trailer purchased from Kelowna BC. The trailer is being baited, 3 adult and 3 juvenile rats have been eradicated thus far. Two pet rats were reported in Lethbridge and by-law officers are working to remove these. A live roof rat was trapped by Red Deer county staff after a 310 rats report was received from Innisfail. The last two single Roof Rat reports were found several weeks apart in the same neighborhood in Calgary and are believed to be feeder rats discarded by a reptile owner. Our 310 rats number has been ringing constantly this fall mostly with muskrat reports.

Wild Boar continue to Invade America

Wild Pig Newsletter from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

In their latest edition of its Wild Pig Newsletter, Texas A&M University has some very interesting articles, including - "Do Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Have a Place in Wild Pig Management?"

[Read the newsletter here](#)

Alberta Wild Boar At-Large Eradication Project

Our project will continue to focus in the Lac Ste. Anne and Woodlands counties but we are very interested in receiving information from other parts of the province as well. Please contact Perry Abramenko, Agriculture and Forestry (AF), at perry.abramenko@gov.ab.ca or 403-627-1177 if you hear of any wild boar at large sightings or conflicts. Producers can also call 310-FARM (3276) and the information will be forwarded to AF's pest specialists.

We are planning this years' winter trapping activities and we will be using specialized corral traps that are monitored and deployed remotely. A camera at each trap site sends an alert and photograph when it detects movement. We then monitor the activity live through an app to determine when the whole wild boar sounder is inside the trap before remotely closing the trap gate. It is important to capture the whole sounder, as any that escape will quickly become trap shy.

Our Remotely Piloted Air Craft Systems (RPAS) have proven valuable for detecting and surveying wild boar from the air. We continue to use RPAS this year as we look to survey new locations for trapping opportunities.

Education and outreach are very important components of the project. We recently included wild boar education at "City Slickers" in Stony Plain, where grade school students get to learn all about Agriculture. In November we will attend with a wild boar display at Agri-Trade Equipment Expo in Red Deer.

[Visit our web site](#) for more wild boar information.



Rat Facts

- excrete 50 pellets/day
- urinate 2.2 litre/yr. 8cc/day
- shed all hair twice/year
- live 6-12 months

World Rat News

In July 2016 the Pest Insider reported feral cats as a new method of rat control used in cities on the east coast. Recent reports have discovered cats are very poor at catching rats. Cats are great at killing and removing mice but the large aggressive rat is too much for the cat. In studies in NYC trail cameras have only ever recorded two rats being caught by feral cats. It appears cats can't handle a large rat and thus the rat and cat ignore each other. Read more about cats and rats at <https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2018/09/cats-vs-rats-new-york/571414/>

Paris is struggling with a serious rat problem. The city is dealing with people who are upset with rats being everywhere and people who defend the rat. Read the recent articles about Paris' rat problems [Paris dustment film swarming plague of rats as city faces up to mass rodent infestation](#), "The Telegraph" and [In France, Even the Rats Have Rights](#), "Wall Street Journal"

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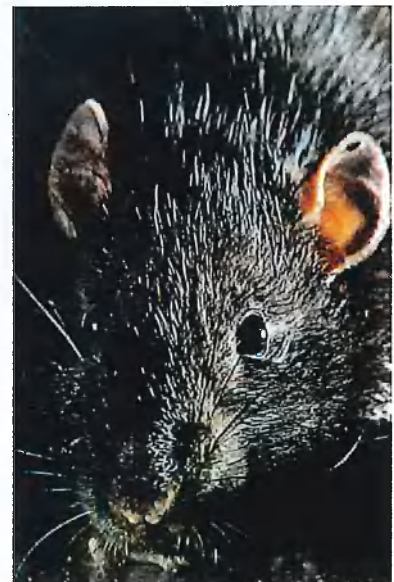
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Mysterious GM wheat may have been attempt at sabotage, say academics

The CFIA says it may never solve the mystery but duo says it should keep trying

BY ALEX BINKLEY
AF CONTRIBUTOR

Investigators need to keep working to find the origin of an unknown variety of genetically modified wheat found in Alberta because it may have been a deliberate act aimed at undermining Canada, says two academics.

The wheat might have been planted intentionally by anti-GM activists or a party that wanted to disrupt Canadian wheat exports, say Rob Wager of Vancouver Island University and Henry Miller of Stanford University's Hoover Institution. The mystery is how a small patch of the wheat, which has a GM trait tested in the early 2000s, could have ended up alongside an oil rig access road in Alberta.

"An obvious candidate is Russia, the world's largest wheat exporter and a major international mischievous-maker where genetic engineering of crops is concerned," they said.

"But there are others who buy Canadian wheat. The discovery of GM wheat in Alberta caused



PHOTO: THINKSTOCK

an immediate drop in the price of Canadian wheat, and China is one of its biggest purchasers. Chinese nationals have been caught and convicted of stealing GM germplasm in the past, and China definitely has the technical expertise to create a novel GM wheat variety."

Another prime suspect would be environmental groups with anti-GM campaigns, they said.

"Continued investigation should determine the source of the mystery wheat variety and help shed some light on how it suddenly appeared on a roadside in the prairie of southern Alberta," they said.

In response, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said, "We may never know how this

GM wheat came to be present on an access road. What we do know is that this GM wheat finding was very limited in scope and that the CFIA followed all plausible leads that may explain its origin. None of these leads brought forward any further reasonable avenues, including that there was any wrongdoing."

The rogue wheat contained a known trait but one that was dropped from testing nearly 20 years ago and the plants were found hundreds of kilometres from the nearest test site. When the Canadian Food Inspection Agency did its DNA analysis, it discovered the wheat didn't match any of the 450 varieties registered in Canada.

Crop 'cluster' to spend \$9 million on agronomy research

The cluster consists of eight research activities ranging from soil health to herbicide resistance and climate change adaptation

STAFF
The federal government is giving \$6.3 million to the Western Grains Research Foundation for a five-year 'Integrated Crop Agronomy Cluster.'

The foundation said the cluster has been established because Canadian farmers face agronomic challenges that cut across multiple crops, and there are gaps in multi-crop and systems approaches to agronomic research.

The cluster consists of eight research activities ranging from soil health to herbicide resistance and climate change adaptation. It also includes the co-ordination of crop insect and disease monitoring, assessing and managing spray drift, developing a risk model for mitigating fusarium head blight, and development and management of productive, resilient, and sustainable cropping.

Collaborating research organizations include Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Farming Smarter, InnoTech Alberta, Smokey Applied Research and Demonstration Association (headquartered in Falher), Agri-Matrix, Prairie Agricultural



Integrated Crop
Agronomy Cluster

Machinery Institute, Western Applied Research Corporation, and four universities: Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Brandon.

The federal funding coupled with \$1.6 million from the Western Grains Research Foundation and \$1.1 million from industry partners creates a pool of \$9 million for research grants over the next five years, said Terry Young, who farms near Lacombe and is the foundation's chair.

The other funders include Alberta Pulse Growers, Alberta Wheat Commission, Brewing and Maltng Barley Research Institute, Manitoba Canola Growers Association, Manitoba Pulse and Soybean Growers, Manitoba Wheat and Barley Growers Association, Prairie Oat Growers Association, Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission, Saskatchewan Pulse Growers, and Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission.

Carole

October 1, 2018

Dear Alberta Beef Producer:

RE: Plebiscite on the Alberta Beef Producer Service Charge Model

At the request of the Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) and in accordance with the provisions of the *Marketing of Agricultural Products Act* and the *Alberta Beef Producers Plebiscite Regulation*, the Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council (Marketing Council) is conducting a plebiscite on the question of ABP's service charge model. Plebiscites empower producers to provide their opinion on questions of importance to the industry and I hope you will take the time to consider the plebiscite question and cast your vote.

The service charge model is the structure under which ABP (the Commission) collects service charges from producers. Under ABP's current regulations, a producer may request a refund of all or a portion of their provincial service charge from ABP. The purpose of the plebiscite is to consider whether the service charge should be refundable or non-refundable. If the plebiscite results in a vote for a non-refundable service charge model, subsequent regulatory changes to the ABP's regulations will be necessary for the change to take effect. These changes will require approval from the ABP, Marketing Council, and the Government of Alberta. If the plebiscite results in a vote for the service charge model to remain refundable, there will be no change to the current service charge structure or regulations. The following table describes each service charge model:

Non-Refundable Service Charge Model	Refundable Service Charge Model
Does not include an option for producers to request all or a portion of their provincial service charge back from the Commission as a refund.	The current model allows producers to request all or a portion of their provincial service charge back from the Commission as a refund, following the process outlined in ABP's regulations and by-laws.
A vote in the plebiscite for a non-refundable service charge would mean the service charge paid by producers would be non-refundable. All service charges would be retained by the Commission.	A vote in the plebiscite for a refundable service charge would mean a continuation of the current service charge model (refundable service charge model).

Marketing Council does not have a position on the question of Commission service charge models and is acting in an administrative capacity only to oversee the plebiscite process. As part of its oversight role, Marketing Council has retained the services of MNP, who will be the Returning Officer for this plebiscite.

I encourage you to attend the regional meetings to take part in discussions about the future of the industry and to vote in the plebiscite in person. If circumstances prevent you from attending a regional meeting, I hope that you will cast your vote by mail or at an AFSC office near you and make your voice heard on this important question.

Sincerely,

Norine Moore, Chair
 Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council

Dear Alberta Beef Producers,

In accordance with the *Marketing of Agricultural Products Act* and the *Alberta Beef Producers Plebiscite Regulation*, the Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council (Marketing Council) is conducting a plebiscite on the matter of the Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) service charge model refundability. The plebiscite will be held from October 19 to November 13, 2018. MNP has been engaged as the Returning Officer (RO) to ensure the plebiscite is conducted in a fair, objective, and efficient manner.

The plebiscite will ask producers to vote on the following matter:

I would like the Alberta Beef Producers to operate with a:

- Non-refundable service charge*
- OR
- Refundable service charge*

You have received this information package because you are on the ABP mailing list. You will still need to register to get on the voters list and ensure your voice is heard. You can register to vote three ways:

1. In-person at polling stations at ABP Fall Regional Meetings
2. In-person at any Agriculture Financial Services Corporation Office
3. By contacting the Returning Officer by phone or email to receive a Mail-In Ballot

To register you will need to complete a declaration that you have sold cattle and paid a service charge to ABP between October 19, 2016 and October 19, 2018. You will need to provide your full name, address, birth month and date, phone number and corporate/partnership/or joint venture name if representing a corporation/partnership/or joint venture. You will be required to show one piece of government issued photo identification (ID) that includes a full name and address (e.g., drivers license); or two pieces of non-photo ID which clearly show your full name and where at least one of these pieces of ID clearly show your complete address. If registering with the Returning Officer, copies of the ID will be accepted. When registering in person, the physical ID is required.

MNP expects to complete the results of the tabulation by Tuesday, November 20, 2018. Results will be provided to the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Marketing Council and ABP and will be released to the public shortly thereafter.

For further information on how to vote in the ABP plebiscite, we have provided voting procedures on the other side of this letter. Please read the enclosed material carefully. If you have any questions regarding the procedure to be followed, contact MNP at 1.855.667.3311 or AlbertaPlebiscite2018@mnp.ca.

Please note that mail-in ballots must be received by no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 13, 2018 by ordinary mail at our Calgary office. To ensure that your ballot is received prior to the deadline, please return it as soon as possible.



Ian Craven, Returning Officer, MNP

Voting Procedures for the Alberta Beef Producers Plebiscite

Who can vote in the Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) Plebiscite?

In accordance with Section 3 of the Alberta Beef Producers Plebiscite Regulation, the following criteria must be met in order to be eligible to vote in the plebiscite:

- You must be an individual or an individual representing a partnership, corporation or joint venture;
- You must have valid identification and provide identification information to the Returning Officer;
- You must be 18 years of age or older;
- You must have sold cattle and paid a service charge to ABP between October 19, 2016 and October 19, 2018;
- You must not have previously voted in this plebiscite; and,
- You must sign a declaration in reference to the above criteria.

How do I register to vote?

You have received this information package because you are on the ABP mailing list. You will still need to register to get on the voters list and ensure your voice is heard. You can register to vote three ways:

1. In person at polling stations at ABP Fall Regional Meetings
2. In person at any Agriculture Financial Services Corporation Office
3. By phoning or emailing the Returning Officer to receive a Mail-In Ballot

To register you will need to complete a declaration that you meet the voter eligibility criteria above. You will need to provide your full name, address, birth month and date, phone number and corporate/partnership/or joint venture name if representing a corporation/ partnership/or joint venture. You will be required to show one piece of government-issued photo identification (ID) that includes a full name and address; or two pieces of non-photo ID which clearly show your full name and at least one of these pieces of ID must show your complete address. If registering with the Returning Officer, copies of the ID will be accepted. When registering in person, the physical ID is required.

Procedure for Voting In-Person at Polling Stations

- Marketing Council will set up polling stations to vote at the 27 ABP Fall Regional Meetings around the province.
- Polling Stations will be open from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the night of the meeting (or until 1 hour after the meeting is over, whichever is earlier).
- Producers must register first to get on the voters' list by filling out a declaration and presenting valid ID to the Registration Officer. Producers will then be given a voter's package with instructions and a ballot.

Procedure for Voting at Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) Offices

- AFSC Offices will be open for voting from October 19, 2018 to November 13, 2018 during office hours. Office hours are Monday to Friday 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Producers must first register to get on the voters list by filling out a declaration and presenting valid identification to the authorized AFSC staff. Producers will then be given a voter's package that contains voting instructions and a ballot.

Procedure for Voting with a Mail-In Ballot

- To receive a mail-in ballot, voters must first register with the Returning Officer.
- Producers may register to vote by either:
 - Downloading a declaration from the Marketing Council website alberta.agriculture.ca/beefplebiscite
 - Requesting a declaration by mail from the Returning Officer (contact information is listed below.)
- Voters will complete the declaration, including a witness signature to confirm that the name and contact information on the declaration correspond with the identification documents provided.
- The voter will mail or email the declaration to the Returning Officer.
 - Voters must include copies of accepted identification documents. A picture, scan or photocopy of both the declaration and identification documents are considered valid for the purposes of registration.
- Voters will then be provided with a voter package by mail that contains voting instructions, a mail-in ballot and a postage paid return envelope.
- Mail-in ballots must be received by the RO by no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 13, 2018 by ordinary mail.

For general inquiries, contact Alberta Agriculture and Forestry's Ag-Info Centre at 310-FARM, or the Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council at 780-415-2164 or visit: agriculture.alberta.ca/beefplebiscite

To register and request a mail-in ballot, or for questions about the voting procedure, contact the Returning Officer: 1.855.667.3311 or AlbertaPlebiscite2018@mnpc.ca.

Polling Station Locations at Alberta Beef Producers Fall Regional Meetings

All polling stations will be open from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. or one hour after the end of the meeting.

DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
October 22	Leslieville	Leslieville Community Centre, 1 st Avenue
	Taber	Taber Agriplex 6602 53 Street
	Provost	Provost Livestock Exchange 5103 57 Avenue
October 23	Big Valley	Big Valley Community Hall 36 Main Street
	Camrose	Camrose Regional Exhibition 4250 Exhibition Drive
	Killam	Killam Seniors Centre 4929 50 Street (Main Street)
	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat Feeding Company 3381 Gershaw Drive SW
October 24	Innisfail	Royal Canadian Legion 5108 49 Avenue
	Oyen	Oyen Seniors Centre
	Brooks	Bow Slope Shipping Association
October 25	Ponoka	Royal Canadian Legion 3911 Highway 2A
	Fort Macleod	Auction Mart (Southern Alberta Livestock) 813 14 Street
	Sandy Rapids	47407 Highway 55, Iron River
October 29	La Crete	La Crete Heritage Centre Township Road 1060 & Range Road 154
	Kitscoty	Kitscoty Senior Citizen Centre 4921 50 Avenue
	Hazel Bluff	Hazel Bluff Community Hall Highway 18 & Range Road 10
October 30	Breton	Breton Community Centre 48 Street
	Picture Butte	Prairie Tractor & Engine Museum Highway 843
	Cochrane	Cochrane Ranch House 101 Ranchehouse Road
November 1	Anselmo	Anselmo Community Hall Highway 647 & Range Road 102
	Grimshaw	Royal Canadian Legion 5011 49 Avenue
	Vilna	Senior Citizens Recreation Centre 5123 50 Street
November 5	Twin Butte	Twin Butte Community Hall Highway 6 & Township Road 40
	Valleyview	Memorial Hall 4808 50 Street
	Strathmore	Strathmore Golf Club 80 Wheatland Trail
November 6	Minburn	Community Hall
	Grande Prairie	Pomeroy Inn
November 7	Grande Prairie	Pomeroy Inn

Polling Station Locations at Alberta Financial Services Corporation Offices

All AFSC offices are open 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except on November 12, 2018 (closed due to Statutory Holiday).

Please note that offices are closed from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. for lunch.

LOCATION	ADDRESS	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Athabasca Barrhead	Provincial Building, 100 - 4903 50th Street 4924 50th Avenue	Olds Oyen	Provincial Building, 101- 5030 50th Street 201 Main Street
Brooks	Provincial Building, 220 4th Avenue W	Peace River	9809 98th Avenue
Camrose	4910 52nd Street	Ponoka	Provincial Building, 250 - 5110 49th Avenue
Claresholm	Provincial Building, 109 46th Avenue W	Provost	Provincial Building, 5419 44th Street
Drumheller	111 Railway Avenue West	Red Deer	1 - 7710 Gaetz Avenue
Edmonton	J.G. O'Donoghue Building, 7000 113 Street NW	Rimbey	Provincial Building, 5025 55th Street
Fairview	Provincial Building 10209 109th Street	Rocky View County	2 - 261024 Dwight McLellan Trail
Falher	Municipal District Building, 701 Main Street	Sedgewick	4701 48th Avenue
Foremost	218 Main Street	Smoky Lake	Provincial Building, 108 Wheatland Avenue
Grande Prairie	102 - 10625 Westside Drive	Spirit River	Provincial Building, 4602 50th Street
Grimshaw	5306 50th Street	St. Paul	Provincial Building, 104 - 5025 49th Avenue
Hanna	Provincial Building, 401 Centre Street	Stettler	5020 50th Street
High Prairie	Provincial Building, 5226 53rd Avenue	Stony Plain	Provincial Building, 4709 44th Avenue
High River	309 1st Street SW	Strathmore	325 3rd Avenue
Lacombe	4712 49B Avenue	Taber	Provincial Building, 5011 49th Avenue
Lacombe Central Office	5718 56 Avenue	Thorhild	County Administration Building, 801 1st Street
La Crete	10105 94th Avenue	Three Hills	Provincial Building, 128 3rd Avenue S
Lamont	5014 50th Avenue	Vegreville	Vinet's Village Mall, 138 - 4925 50th Avenue
Leduc	6547 Sparrow Drive	Vermilion	5039 49th Avenue
Lethbridge	County of Lethbridge Building 200 - 905 4th Avenue S.	Vulcan	104 Centre Street East
Manning	116 4th Avenue SW	Wainwright	2710 15 Avenue
Medicine Hat	111 - 7 Strachan Bay SE	Westlock	11207 104 Avenue